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BACK TO THE FUTURE

Miss Grumby calls her students to order with a reading from the Bible at a special school-house flashback at the Museum last Wednesday. Grade 2 students from Ross Ford were at the Museum to take a trip back in time and spend an afternoon in a turn of the century classroom.

Photo By Hilary Clark

Regional fire department proposed

By Ceilidh McClurg

Local municipalities all met last week to consider a presentation suggesting a regionalized fire department system for the whole county.

Although it was just a preliminary discussion, local Didsbury Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Rick Mousseau said it provoked some interesting thought and discussion.

"I think it has some advantages and some disadvantages," said Mousseau after the meeting.

The County of Mountain View called for the meeting that was attended by town administrators, councillors and fire department personnel from one corner of the county from the other. A presentation was given by the former chief of the Bonneyville Fire Department who undertook the amalgamation of eight municipal departments in that area around 1990.

Jim Sales, who is now the chief of the Edmonton Fire Department walked the crowd through the process of how they went about regionalizing 28,000 square kilometres of fire protec-

tion area. Sales called the initiative a "tribe partnership."

Sales said when he and the other departments in the Bonneyville area started the process, "We were looking at the quality of service instead of the political boundaries."

The idea is to centralize the administration end of fire departments as well as connect and share volunteer personnel and equipment. Sales says this is a more cost-efficient way of running a service that is as expensive as fire protection.

Sales pointed out that a centralized administration means one person could be hired full-time to do all of the extensive paper work that is required of each department.

Financing of each department would be sent directly from the municipalities to the regional authority, who, in Bonneyville's case, divides up the money to each department but keeps some centrally to purchase equipment and provide standardized training.

"It makes it a lot easier to budget," said Sales.

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County not prepared to commit money for games

By Ceilidh McClurg

The County of Mountain View is questioning the role they will play in the 1999 Seniors Games that will be jointly hosted by Didsbury and Olds.

At their meeting last month they delayed any decision regarding a request for a contribution of \$5 per capita per year over the next three years. They felt they would like more information regarding history of funding for games held in the area.

Last week they received information on 1983 Summer Games funding history. At that

time the county contributed the exact same amount over the course of three years as they are being asked for now.

However, that wasn't enough information to encourage them to commit the funding this time around.

"There are just too many questions that need to be answered," said Coun. Linda Burrell.

Councillors felt they needed to know exactly how any donation from the county would be spent. They have asked to see specific budgets and allocations before making any decision.

"It is important before we commit funding to see budgets, how money will be spent, other funding available, and some criteria for how the money will be distributed," said Reeve Pat James.

One of the options for other funding that councillors asked about was funding from the lottery dollars in the province. They said they felt that was a suitable usage of those dollars.

When Roy Brassard, of the Friends of the Games Committee, originally approached the county he spoke of having a legacy fund that would go fund

future community related items.

Coun. Diane Davies said last week that she was uncomfortable with the committee planning on any surplus and if that is the case, perhaps they shouldn't be asking for so much money in the first place.

The 1983 Summer Games left a surplus of \$108,640, of which some was returned to the contributing municipalities and \$50,000 was kept as a legacy fund to provide scholarships to local residents.

County comptroller treasurer said the total \$15 per capita re-

quested would have to be found in an already tight budget. However, he indicated that administration from Olds, Didsbury and the county were planning to meet late last week to further discuss some of the questions arising, like budgeting. Johnsrude said he will bring all information back to the council as soon as possible.

County commissioner, Herman Epp suggested the council again delay any decision until all information was collected.

The item was received as information only. There has been no deadline set for a decision to be made.



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Snow news is good news, says county

...and other county council notes

Sold!

Council agreed to sell a piece of property to the Mountain View Marksmans Association. The association has been leasing an abandoned gravel pit north west of Didsbury from the county for about 15 years and had requested to make an outright purchase. Part of the agreement was that the group make a commitment for site reclamation.

Although some councillors expressed concern over the use of the property and its designation, they approved the sale unanimously. No dollar figure was announced. Coun. Jack Peck said, "I support it with some nervousness."

Snow news is good news

The councillors expressed their pleasure that no significant amount of snow had fallen so far this year. As news reports told earlier this year, the county has blown their budget for snow removal by almost 300%. They are hoping the snow fall will remain minimal so that number won't go

even higher.

Bursary money requested

Olds College sent a request to the county councillor asking for money to put towards a bursary fund. Some councillor were unsure about the restrictions on application and the differences between scholarships and bursaries. "There are some restrictions in here that I don't agree with," said Coun. Dave Derksen. The council unanimously agreed to table the request to give councillors time to think about how they would like the money handled before they actually sign over a cheque.

Contract renewed

County council renewed their gravel crushing contract with Sundre Contracting. Administration indicated they had been pleased with services after working with the company for many years. The contract was renewed for a two year period.

No four year term

The councillors received for

information a request from the Edmonton City Council to pass a motion recommending that municipal governments sit for a four year term, instead of three. The councillor discussed why this was necessary and chose not to pass a motion and to only receive as information the request. Coun. Linda Burrel indicated the topic had come up at a Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties and it had been defeated. Coun. Diane Davies said she believes the terms should remain the way they currently are. "I think three years is long enough," she said.

Donation given

The council agreed to donate \$500, the same as they did in 1997, to the Fifteenth Annual Olds and District Kiwanis Music Festival.

Benefits program re-examined

Premiums for county employees will increase slightly for dental and extended health care plans due to lack of funds in the

benefits account. County comptroller/treasurer Harold Johnsrude requested that council approve a transfer of \$20,000 into the fund to bring it back to par, and that the premiums increase \$30 per employee.

"This is all about getting the plan back into the black and keeping it that way by increasing premiums," said Johnsrude.

"The \$20,000 is not a budgeted amount, but it is really a liability to the county that needs to be looked at." Council unanimously approved the transfer and the premium increase.

Predator control changes

Agricultural specialist, Larry Rice informed the county that regulations have changed with the provincial government that does not allow him to issue permits for predator control chemicals until it can be proven that a predator is responsible for loss of livestock. Previously it was left to the judgement of Rice of whether a farmer could be issued the permit and chemical as a preventative measure.

Mobile home taxes a problem for county

By Ceilidh McClurg

The County of Mountain View is having a particular problem collecting taxes owed by mobile home owners in the area, and thus they have decided to go about it in a stronger fashion.

"It is difficult to collect the tax when they don't own the land," said county Reeve Pat James.

This year so far almost 25% of mobile home owners have not paid their tax bills. The county council had suggested changing the way these properties are assessed. Instead of taxing the mobile home owner, they would tax the owner of the land the mobile home sat on. This, they had hoped, would improve the percentages.

However, after some investigation, the administration has suggested that taxation methods remain the same until possible amendments to the Municipal

Government Act go through the province.

The province has also acknowledged the problem and is looking at changing provincial standards of taxation on mobile home properties. New regulations could come through as early as the spring session of the legislature. County administration suggested leaving the current structure the way it is pending these changes.

The current collection process for outstanding taxes on mobile home properties in the County of Mountain View is "very time consuming" according to administration.

When the mobile home is financed, a letter is sent directly to the financial institution holding the account. The letter states that taxes have not been paid and that the county could seize the property being held as collateral.

County comptroller/treasurer Harold Johnsrude said, "We've had a few property owners who are a little upset that we contacted their financial institution, but it has been very effective."

When a mobile home is not financed, a letter is sent directly to the resident indicating that the county has the right to seize their property if outstanding tax bills have not been brought up to date.

Johnsrude said although the county has not yet actually seized any property, they have all the necessary paperwork in place to do so, and will start the process on a couple of identified properties.

County council unanimously agreed to keep taxing the mobile home owner instead of the land owner until such time the province changes regulations.

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Two competitors demonstrate for the judges their karate skills at a tournament held at the Memorial Complex last Saturday.

Minister expresses disgust with Water Valley sabotage

The Minister for Alberta Environmental Protection, Ty Lund is outraged at what occurred at a logging site near Water Valley. In response he has ordered that Alberta Environmental Protection enforcement staff will be broadening their focus of activities in forested areas in efforts to ensure the safety of Albertans who use the forest for outdoor recreation and to earn their livelihood.

The department is also calling for public assistance in identifying the individuals responsible for the recent bombing of forestry equipment near Water Valley.

Two Alberta-based logging contractors suffered losses estimated at \$5 million following the sabotage of ten pieces of equipment in the early morning of November 24,

1997.

"Those responsible for this criminal activity must answer for their actions. I am confident all Albertans join me in condemning the parties who undertook these acts of terrorism, regardless of the motive," stated Ty Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection.

"Clearly these people acted without conscience, and without regard for the safety of the workers, and the well-being of the forest. We were extremely fortunate that no one was killed, and that a major forest fire did not break out."

Environmental Protection staff will continue to work with Justice and the RCMP to assist in the investigation into the incident. Should anyone

have any information that relates to this incident, they are asked to contact the RCMP as soon as possible.

"I am asking all Albertans to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity in our forests to the RCMP or Environmental Protection staff," stated Lund. "These people need to know that they will not garner any public sympathy, and that this type of dangerous and reckless destruction will not be tolerated."

Didsbury RCMP still have not identified any suspects in the incident, however they have collected a large amount of evidence from the scene with the help of the Didsbury Search and Rescue.

Fire chief calls discussion thought provoking *continued from page 1*

Just from a logistical point of view, Sales said sharing equipment is beneficial to all those involved. The bulk purchasing power would save money in the long run, and resources could be shared. For instance he explains that the Bonneyville Regional Fire Authority holds an annual swap meet evening where the different fire departments come together and trade things they don't need for things they do.

"Maybe one department has no hoses and too many nozzles and another has not enough nozzles and too much hose," he provided as an example of

how sharing resources can work instead of putting out the expense of buying all new equipment.

A member of the crowd asked, "If your spreading equipment around, how does it affect response times?"

Sales said they did an analysis of the best placement, and although the response time might be a couple of minutes longer, those that arrive are more specialized and can respond to the situation with a greater degree of accuracy.

Sales said it also helped to take a overview of the types of fires each department most commonly responds to, and then specialize them accordingly to respond to those types of calls all over the jurisdiction.

Inspections and safety codes can often fall behind in small departments, however, Sales said that hiring someone full time regionally saves time and money.

"Because it is cost efficient the system is maintained bet-

ter," said Brain McEvoy, the current chief of the Regional Fire Authority in the Bonneyville area.

Local town councillor Gary Dolha asked the presenters what the initial response from the area volunteer firefighter was when the amalgamation started.

Despite all of the benefits emphasized by Sales and McEvoy, they did admit it was not all a smooth transition.

"Bringing them (the departments) together and trying to change their entire world did cause some problems... but, they were worked through over

time," said McEvoy.

He added that each department still has their own fire chief, fire station and equipment

"For buying power it would be great, but as far as the training goes, we do most of that already"

—Didsbury Chief Rick Mousseau on the benefits of a regional fire department

but it is mainly administration that is handled centrally. He also said worries about territory were resolved when departments realized they would retain ownership of all of their equipment.

"There was some initial resistance but we ensured that each station keep their own station identity."

Since the early 90's the Bonneyville Regional Fire Authority has taken steps to further regionalize their system. They now say they are having success with a central dispatch system that is manned 24 hours per day. Therefore, if a call is sent out and there is no response, or not enough personnel, the next closest station is automatically called.

"That has led to a major reduction in our liabilities... because it provides guaranteed coverage and guaranteed

response," said McEvoy.

They are now working to have a singular phone number for the whole region.

Further to the cost-efficiency of internal operations, Sales said their Regional Authority sought to actually seek out revenues in the form of contracts for industry fire protection.

In their case, they had an Imperial Oil Plant in their area. The plant was employing their own fire department and owning their own equipment, which was a very high cost. The fire authority approached them about providing protection on a contract basis in return for some monetary support and the donation of their equipment.

Sales admitted there was a lot of angles to look at and each area or jurisdiction could do things differently. But, there was one aspect that he emphasized would need to be present if a similar set up was to occur in the County of Mountain View.

He said, "It has to have a whole-hearted commitment from departments, councils, and industry."

All of this information was a lot for everyone to digest all at once, so County of Mountain View Reeve who chaired the meeting, Pat James, suggested allowing some time for everyone to process all the information and come back to another meeting at a future date.

Didsbury councillor, Gary Dolha said the discussion raised a lot of questions that need to be further examined before any commitments are made. Most everyone in attendance agreed and decided to form a task force to further investigate the possibilities. Didsbury representatives will be Dolha and Fire Chief Mousseau.

RCMP notes



Youth slashed

Didsbury RCMP are asking for public assistance in locating three male suspects who assaulted a local Didsbury youth with a homemade knife or razor blade on Saturday, Nov. 15. The youth was crossing the "Coulee" path located in the Southridge area of Didsbury at 12:30 a.m., when he was allegedly attacked by a group of three males who had been passengers in a black Chevrolet 1/2 or 3/4 ton pickup. The youth was tripped to the ground where he was held and the suspects slashed his face with a razor several times. Police were not notified until a full day had passed. Anyone with information on this or any other crime is asked to call Didsbury RCMP or Crimestoppers toll-free at 1-800-922-TIPS (8477). Callers remain anonymous.

Party leads to smash-up

Didsbury RCMP are investigating two incidents which occurred on Nov. 9 (Sunday) in Carstairs. Police were called by a witness to the Carstairs Trailer Court where it was reported five males with baseball bats were attacking occupants of a truck. Police patrols failed to find the truck and no further complaints were received. Police were later called several hours later at 3 a.m. to Trailer #19 at the court where the occupants reported approximately \$1,000 worth of windows were smashed on all front sections of the trailer. Investigation has revealed a group of youths from Water Valley/Elkton area attended the same trailer for a party. An altercation broke out with the teens being attacked inside/outside the trailer. A truck window was smashed and a youth subsequently attended Didsbury Hospital for bruised ribs. The occupants of the vehicles departing the scene have never approached the police with their complaints. Anyone with information on this crime is asked to call Didsbury RCMP or Crimestoppers.

Torrington break and enter

On Thursday, Dec. 3 Olds RCMP were called to investigate a break and enter and theft that had occurred sometime overnight at a well site near Torrington.

Baytex Gas Plant reports that two computers were stolen from the premises as well as considerable damage to the office doors and windows as a result of forcible entry to the premises. Total value of this crime is around \$10,000. Olds RCMP are actively investigating this occurrence and have no suspects at this time. If anyone can offer assistance they are asked to call Olds RCMP or Crimestoppers.

EDITORIAL / OPINIONS

Forgetting the 'manship' aspect of sports

Ceilidh
McCLURG

There ought to be a rating on the doors of all hockey arenas across the province of Alberta.

How about a "No Minors Allowed" sign? Why, am I suggesting these drastic changes? Because, this weekend I witness to some of the most disgusting displays of unsportsmanlike conduct I have ever seen.

And, those of you who have ever watched a minor hockey game know that most often it is not the players that are the problem but, rather the fans.

I went to my boyfriend's hockey game on Sunday night. I guess the first mistake I made was that I didn't look around to see if I was sitting with familiar faces, and I was not. My first clue was the rude noises and apparent ignorant comments being sent in my direction, said just loudly enough to reach my ears.

Believe it or not it was not a "hockey mom or dad" that was the cause of this rudeness, but rather a petite, and pretty young girl about my own age. Her boyfriend was on the visitors team, mine was on the home team.

This girl and her friends were letting words pour out of her mouth that I doubt one would tolerate in any other situation, even a biker bar, however, there she sat with her boyfriends mother cursing and swearing a blue streak, and the mother was egging her on.

I wonder if the mother would permit this girl to speak like that in her home. I doubt it. And yet, here she was in the presence of children, some as young as two years old, screaming

bloody murder.

Now, I won't even pretend that the fans of the home team were sitting there like little angels. In fact, a couple of our fans got so out of hand, one of our own asked her to please watch her mouth and have some respect.

Respect. Now that is what is missing in the stands.

I have to admit I was also getting wrapped up in the excitement of the game. Isn't it just a part of hockey to ask the referee if he was watching the game or if he is too busy watching his toenail paint dry? Just kidding, but I too was hollering.

You've all heard the story about the young boy in Saskatchewan who wasn't allowed to play hockey anymore because of the conduct of his parents.

Sunday night and that example are the perfect reasons that fans, as well as players and coaches, should be asked to sign the Fair Play Declaration being concocted at the minor hockey level.

It might just be a silly piece of paper, but maybe, just maybe, it would make that girl and the hundreds of other disrespectful fans that sit in the stands every night, bite their tongue and let the kids play hockey.

It's not a war, it's a game. Games are supposed to be fun, remember that is why the players got involved in the first place.

You know, it's funny, I've found that players can put a bad game behind them and move on more quickly than the fans or the parents who dwell on it for hours.

What's the problem with a "No Minors Allowed" sign at a minor hockey game? Obvious. What does that tell you? Maybe we should all remember that next time we sit in the stands cheering on our home team.

The Multilateral Agreement Investment

By Myron Thompson, MP

Over the last few months, the same groups which in the past opposed Free Trade, have actively lined themselves up in opposition to the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). Maude Barlow and the Council of Canadians, for example, appear to have targeted a mailing list of seniors with doom and gloom letters about the MAI, along with invitations to attend public meetings on the subject. The Council of Canadians have also run full page newspaper advertisements claiming, among other things, that the MAI "would free corporations of any obligation to you, other Canadian workers and consumers, or the environment." Similar information on the MAI is being produced by the Canadian Labor Congress, the Polaris Institute, and the Sierra Club.

What is the MAI? In 1995, Canada, along with 28 other countries of the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) agreed to negotiate a level playing field with respect to the rules regarding foreign investment, so that all countries and their business communities, could participate on an equal footing in the international marketplace. In other words, the main aim of the MAI is to ensure that whether it is a large Canadian company like McCains, or a five person firm in North Calgary, the exact same investment and business development rules apply for doing business in each and every signatory country to the agreement. Establishing a standard set of rules for opening foreign offices, employing sales people, and securing distribution channels is plain good common sense in the reality of our global marketplace, and has nothing to do with selling out our sovereignty or allowing foreign companies to break out our environmental, labor and consumer protection laws, as opponents to the MAI would have you believe. The present target date for completion of MAI negotiations is May of 1998 but this already represents an extension of one year on the original timetable, so further delays are quite possible. Once completed though, the MAI will come before Parliament for debate and there is absolutely no doubt that it will be subjected to very close analysis and scrutiny. What we have to recognize, like it or not, is that times have changed since a few decades ago when foreign investment was actively discouraged. These days it is simply impossible to ignore the fact that even small companies and individuals are doing business internationally, that this activity creates new jobs and economic growth, and governments must put the rules in place to facilitate increasing amounts of international trade.

I would encourage everyone to begin following this issue. The more public discussion we have, the better will be the understanding of the issue, and the more likely it is that nothing unexpected will turn up in the final agreement.

Notes from the frontier: Vouchers and Teachers' Unions, would it provide freedom of choice?

By Peter Holle

Opposition to school choice in Canada is most vehement in the leadership of teachers' unions. This is unfortunate because their counterparts in countries that use school vouchers think very differently.

The Alexis de Tocqueville Institution (AdTI), a Virginia-based think tank, surveyed 50 teachers' associations in a dozen countries and found that educators who have actually worked in a voucher system are strong supporters of it. Further, they believe it confers real strength on the public school system.

The concept of the voucher system first received North American exposure 30 years ago through the work of University of Chicago economist Milton Friedman. Vouchers change the focus of school funding. Instead of sending money to school divisions, government treasuries send a grant or voucher to parents, who spend it at the school of their choice.

This method's merits lie in its focus on outcomes and customer satisfaction. Not happy with your child's progress? Take your voucher and find a better school. Vouchers empower consumers of school services because they allow parents to affect change quickly if their children are short-changed at school. They transform schools because vouchers introduce an accountability mechanism with more influence than traditional bureaucratic evaluation methods.

Forty-eight teachers' unions around the world responded to the AdTI survey and less than a quarter opposed market-based school reforms such as vouchers. In countries with significant experience with choice-based systems, more than half the unions backed voucher programs, and only seven per cent were hostile to them. Union officials in Sweden, Belgium, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Australia, and Denmark claimed school choice "works," even when it includes government

support for private schools.

Fervent opposition to school choice by most teachers' unions in the United States and Canada centres around the claim vouchers will "destroy public education" by creating a two-tier system. Affluent parents will augment the basic stipend and send their children to elitist academies, while the poor public schools will wither away, stuck with the dregs.

However, in the real world, in countries with voucher-style systems, these pessimistic predictions have proven false. In Ireland, for instance, 99% of education expenditures are in public schools. The figures for other countries support this: Hungary, 97%; Denmark, 95%; Sweden and New Zealand, 94%; Australia, 93%; and Russia, 89%.

In Alberta, allowing choice has hardly compromised the public schools. Quite the opposite. The public system is demonstrably more vibrant and more focused on results. All the schools

proudly trumpet their achievements in an atmosphere of healthy competition for students.

The AdTI survey quotes Mrs. Roth of the Danish Union of Teachers: "Our choice system has been in operation for a period of over thirty years, and we have a strong public education system. We view the public schools and the private schools as working together."

Sweden's experience with a choice-based model has led to a renaissance of diversity. "We now have German schools, Finnish schools, Estonian schools," comments Sven Kinnander of the National Union of Teachers. "We now have different pedagogical orientations and teaching methods."

One surprising result of the

survey involves teachers' pay in "choice" countries. The gap between salary levels in public and private schools is significantly less than in "non-choice" countries. Teachers' union dues in these countries are also much lower. AdTI analysts concluded that, where school choice prevails, a number of unions compete for membership. This contrasts with the usual "one big shop" typical in North America.

When you hear the prophets of gloom and doom preaching the dangers of choice, throw back an old chestnut: "Don't knock it until you've tried it."

The Alexis de Tocqueville study suggests choice works.

Holle is president of the Frontier Centre for Public Policy.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Help those in need this Christmas

Dear Editor,

Christmas is fast approaching. On behalf of all those who received Christmas hampers in the past and those who helped distribute them, the individuals and organizations who contributed so liberally to make Didsbury Christmas Helpers such a success are to be commended.

We are again endeavoring to collect non-perishable food and toys to give to those in need at this time.

For some of us, life hasn't been too hard but with all of the government cuts and the closing of businesses, life for others is one frustration after another. The Christmas Helpers program was formed to make Christmas Brighter for those neighbors within our area, struggling to get by.

Deposits of non-perishable food may be made at AG Foods or Flowers N' Fun. Unwrapped new or good, clean used toys can be

dropped off at the post office.

Anyone able to contribute financially towards the purchasing of turkeys and additional food is asked to contact Bev at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church at 335-3629.

If you know of a family in need of this kind of help please call Bev Tuesday through Thursday 10 to 4 p.m. or after hours call Linda Sirt at 335-2378. Be prepared to give their complete address and the ages and sex of their children.

Let's join together in the true meaning of Christmas, that of giving and make this the best year ever. Your support is greatly appreciated. Anyone who is alone this Christmas is invited to the Elks Hall for a down home Christmas dinner at 1 p.m. on Dec. 25. Please call, Linda Sirt at 335-2378, to reserve your place.

Yours truly,
Linda Sirt

Teachers are worth every penny

Dear Editor,

Re: Teachers are overpaid... right? A new perspective, by Anonymous. (Didsbury Review, Nov. 26, 1997).

Are you aware of the money teachers use from their own pockets (because of lack of support) to educate and amuse our children. And they don't complain about it.

I read your comments as one who was baby-sat too much and educated too little. And now your priorities are the result. You obviously devalue the importance of a good education. Teachers are one of our children's most valuable resources. I strongly support my children's education, and therefore I will pay the cost, whatever it is to ensure my children have a good education for a strong future. By comparing a "baby-sitter" and their wages to that of a teacher's is simple ignorance.

I would like to see those of your kind try to do a teacher's job for lyre. I guarantee you would think clearly then. My children's education is at the top of mine and my husband's priority list, and I would never consider dangle my children's full education and future in the hands of a baby-sitter for 12 years at any cost. Teachers could never be paid enough to handle all they face every day for a full school year.

Did you know that they are not only expected to teach children, but, some parents expect teachers to be a speech therapist, family therapist, nurse, doctor, mind reader and a superhero. But they don't get paid to do it. Too many parents don't do their job as a child's first teacher at home. And then when they hear how their child is struggling, they act surprised. Teachers do their job because they chose their profession. Some parents don't do their job and then blame their child's basic inabilities on teachers. Well, guess what, teachers are trained professionals, not baby-sitters. And as far as what they are worth, well the price tag is high. But they are worth every cent. They do their job. Do yours, educate your child through showing a good example of your own priorities.

"Nothing in life is free, but your opinion. A good education costs less, than not having one at all."

Michelle Kutney
Didsbury

Editor's Note: The article referred to in the above letter was published in the Nov. 26 issue of the Review. Although it was intended as a satire submitted by the Alberta Teacher's Association, we still believe the points made in this letter were valid and should be brought forward.

Senior boys basketball team victim of lack of care

Dear Editor,

It is indeed a sad time for local basketball fans. No, Michael Jordan hasn't announced his retirement again. No, Shaq hasn't come off the injury list, and no, Dennis Rodman hasn't let his hair go back to its natural color. The disappointing news is that for the first time in many years DHS will not have a senior boys basketball team.

Over the years the senior boys have provided this town with some very competitive "in your face" type basketball. Hav-

ing a school team can only be a good thing for players and spectators alike. It promotes a healthy school spirit and a sense of camaraderie for all the students. On many occasions I have seen the school gym full of cheerleaders, students and the general public when the rival teams come to town. Having no senior boys team is a great loss.

I understand there are two main reasons why there will be no team this year (and we can't blame this one on the Alberta government). There seems to be a generalized apathy amongst the

boys themselves, but I believe that the main reason is that no one has come forward to coach the team. No one from the school and no one from the community. In Calgary, parents have come forward to help coach various school sports while Calgary public teachers continue their "work to rule" stance. So what is the problem here in Didsbury? Is there no one who really cares or is it because we're talking about basketball and not hockey?

Yours truly,
J. Ferguson

Minister clarifies discussion on large farm vehicle safety

"In response to the large number of Albertans and organizations who have taken the time and made the effort to contact my colleagues, myself, or the department, I would like to clarify the intent of the discussion papers on the highway safety in relation to large farm vehicles," said Walter Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities.

"There are some serious concerns in the farming community that the government is planning to increase revenue and impose onerous inspection standards upon those farmers who, out of economic necessity, use large farm vehicles to haul their own produce to market. That is not, and has never been our intention. Our intention is to consult with Albertans about the safety of those vehicles."

"We are not looking at subjecting any farm vehicles that are not 'for hire' commercial carriers to any changes regarding license plates or use of purple fuel. We are only looking at when and how those large farm vehicles should undergo periodic safety inspections. All farm vehicles are already subject to random, roadside inspections and this will continue. So, we are seeking comments on the addi-

tional, periodic safety inspections only and not on any other restriction or increases in fees because these are not being considered."

First and foremost, this is a safety issue and all of the farmers and truckers we have heard from agree that safety is a real issue. With the increased number of large farm vehicles on highways travelling greater distances, we are all concerned about ensuring the safety of every Albertan who uses our highway system," said Paszkowski.

Paszkowski further clarified the issue explaining that he expects farmers will continue to operate within the existing regulations and that those who ship their own produce with their own vehicles need to discuss with the province how often those vehicles should be inspected. Although large farm vehicles over 24,300 kg gross vehicle weight, are travelling longer distances as a result of the rationalization of the grain storage and shipping system, they still on average, travel far fewer kilometres than commercial carriers.

Feedback from farmers and others is still invited on the subject of periodic safety inspections. This could include size of vehicle and how often vehicles should be

inspected.

"I want to reassure farmers and others that they will have a say and be heard before any final changes are considered regarding the safe operation of large farm vehicles on Alberta's highway system," said Paszkowski.

Albertans wishing to provide feedback are invited to respond by February 2, 1998 to Alberta Transportation and Utilities:

Peter Dawes,
Policy Branch,
2nd Floor, Twin Atria Building


4999 - 98 Ave.
Edmonton, AB T6B 2X3
pdawes@tu.gov.ab.ca
Ph. (403) 415-0687, Fax: (403) 422-1070

(Dial 310-0000 for toll-free connection outside of Edmonton).

or
Jim Bedingfield
Vehicle Safety and Carrier Services Branch

First floor, Twin Atria Building,
4999-98 Ave.
Edmonton, AB T6B 2X3
jbedingfield@tu.gov.ab.ca
Ph. (403) 427-8901, Fax: (403) 422-3682

(Dial 310-0000 for toll-free connection outside of Edmonton).



DATE: December 13, 1997

TIME: 12:30 p.m. (lunch is provided)

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Residential Garbage Collection Schedule

This is to notify you that the weeks of Dec. 22-26 and Dec. 29 to Jan. 2, there will be NO disruption of regularly scheduled residential garbage collection service.

New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

97-63 1332 - 24 Street	Single family relocated dwelling with conditions
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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 19 Ave., or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on December 24, 1997.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer

Student/staff ratios released and other school board notes

Festival funding

Chinook's Edge chose to donate \$250 to the Fifteenth Annual Olds and District Kiwanis Music Festival. Last year the festival attracted 925 performers from Central Alberta including local Didsbury school bands.

Student/staff ratios

Chinook's Edge received information from The Alberta School Boards Association indicating the number of students in the division, number of full-time teachers, and the number of other staff as of Sept. 30, 1997. Also included in the report was a grid of the average experience and salary of the teachers in the division based on a scale of 11 being the highest.

Chinook's Edge has 11,129 students.

There are 557.87 full-time teachers and 524 other staff.

The average experience and salary grid showed Chinook's Edge teachers to have a rating of 8.75.

No four year term

The board was asked to support a motion sent to them from the Edmonton city council asking that municipal elections be held every four years instead of every three. Although the board said they understand the reasoning behind the idea was to save money on expensive elections, they did not support the motion. Trustee Susan Denischuk said, "I think there is a benefit to having regeneration every three years."

Trustee Linda Yargeau suggested, "Perhaps they should be seeking the opinion of the voters and not us." The board asked the corporate secretary to summarize the comments made amongst the board and send them back to Edmonton.

Teaching teachers

The board agreed to a training proposal from the Telus Learning Connection. The idea is to train teachers how to integrate the use of the internet into

the everyday teaching of students. Three teachers in the division will take an extended course on the concept, and will then train a few more teachers, who will in turn train more teachers, and so on in a cascading model. The board agreed to provide five substitute days out of the central budget for the teacher training.

Resignation protection

The board decided to pass a motion requiring that all resignation must be accepted and passed by a motion at the school board level. The reason for the move was a level of protection after being informed of a legal case of an administrator in another region who took his school board to the court of appeals after verbally announcing his resignation and then reneging at the last minute.

Satisfaction survey

The board has hired a contracting company to carry out a satisfaction survey throughout the jurisdiction at a cost of \$1.93 per student per year. Schollie Research and Consulting will conduct surveys to determine parents satisfaction with the quality of the children's education and their access to school related information. They will also ask students about their level of satisfaction in a number of different categories. Teachers will also be given the opportunity to express their opinions.

The survey is mandated by Alberta Education and the results will be sent directly to them.

How does technology help?

A document titled Learner Outcomes in Information and Communication Technology for ECS to Grade 12 was accepted as information by Chinook's Edge. The framework document was accepted as information by the board and will be reviewed by each trustee. Board interim deputy superintendent, Jim Gibbons, said the document will be provided to teachers to use as a

framework. "This is ideal for us," said Gibbons. Included in the information was Alberta Education's outline for the use of technology in the classroom.

Lice lookout

Chinook's Edge is trying to take a pro-active approach to head lice invading local schools. They are going to be getting information from David Thompsen Regional Health Authority that will be sent to all schools to warn teachers and parents of the problem that gets especially bad in the winter because of shared head wear like toques. Jim Gibbons reported that 15 schools in the jurisdiction have reported minor outbreaks during this year.

Permission granted

The finance department have been given authority to approve the preliminary financial statement that will be sent to the Alberta government next month. Board treasurer, Susan Roy, asked for the permission to sign the documents prior to board approval because the next meeting is not until Jan. 14 and the financial statements must be into Alberta Education by Jan. 31.

"If we don't have it in to them by then, they will cut off our funding," said Susan Roy. The documents will only be preliminary.

Psst! Know an excellent teacher?

Do you know a teacher whose dedication to students amazes you? Whose knowledge and skill energizes students and brightens the classroom?

Then nominate that teacher for a 1998 Excellence in Teaching Award. Parents, colleagues, volunteers, principals, superintendents or any Albertan who knows an exemplary teacher can submit a nomination. The selection committee is looking for teachers who use creativity and innovation to establish stimulating environments that optimize student learning.

The nomination deadline is Jan. 30, 1998. For more information and to request a nomination package call 1-888-414-9547.

"Teachers are vital to education and the Excellence in Teaching Awards are a positive way to recognize outstanding teachers," said John Dowd, Chair of the Excellence in Teaching Awards Foundation, and Vice-President, Northwest Customer Business Unit, Xerox Canada Ltd. "The Excellence in Teaching Awards

Foundation, Xerox and the other partners are proud to support these prestigious awards."

"I would like to encourage teacher's parents and students and other Albertans help us celebrate excellent teaching by submitting a nomination," said Education Minister Gary Mar. "And I would like to thank Xerox and the many other sponsors who have taken the leading role in the Excellence in Teaching Awards."

In April, 125 finalists will be selected from among nominees, and 20 award recipients will be honored at the ceremony in May. In addition, one teacher will receive the Telus Innovative Use of Technology Award, new to the program this year.

To be eligible for nomination, teachers must hold a permanent Alberta teaching certificate at the time of nomination, work directly with students, teach courses of study and education programs authorized by the Minister of Education and must be actively teaching in the current school year.

Support needed for a Tree Replacement Program for Didsbury Parks and Boulevards



The Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board (DEAB), has made application for a grant from the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation to assist in funding towards a Tree Replacement Program.

DEAB is planning on a "Parks, Greenspace and Boulevard Tree Planting and Tree Renewal Program". The goal of this project is remove hazardous old trees, dead trees, dying trees, and stumps and replace them with new selected trees. The Town of Didsbury has numerous trees in public places greatly in need of replacement.

The Town of Didsbury is proposing to commit over \$4000 towards this project in 1998 but in order to greatly enhance this project and in order to receive additional grant funding, support is also needed from local services groups and individuals. Any groups or individuals willing to support this project are asked to submit a letter to the Town Office, attention Wes Yeoman, no later than December 17th. These letters will be added as support documents to the original grant application. Support does not necessarily have to be in the form of money but could be a donation of labour, materials, or even simply a letter supporting the project in principal. The project is expected to take place later next spring.



Canadian 88 Energy Corp.

Olds Gas Plant Expansion

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

LOCATION: Olds Legion

DATE: Friday, December 12, 1997

TIME: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Canadian 88 Energy Corp. will be hosting a meeting to provide public consultation about the Olds Gas Plant Expansion project. Everyone is welcome to attend. If additional information is needed please contact Karen Scheidt at (403) 556-3424.

Hospital examines creating new mental health programs

By Ceilidh McClurg

The Didsbury Mental Health wants to expand its services over the next few months.

Mark Thompson, of the Didsbury Mental Health Clinic has announced that he has created ideas for two new pilot programs, all he needs now is the opinion of the public.

"We're just putting out the feelers to see what response we get," he says.

He has created the prototype for two new programs and says he has received support from the higher authorities in the hospital to further pursue them. Thompson will first have to examine the need. Therefore he is asking the public to come forward if they are interested and if there is enough interest, the programs can take shape.

The first program takes the form of a support group.

Thompson says, "It would allow people to come together to support each other in good times and bad."

He says he believes there is a need in the Didsbury community to reach beyond the four walls of the hospital and out to the citizens of the community who may have mental

health issues.

"Anything you're struggling with or you're working on can be a mental health issue," says Thompson. He points out the words "Mental Health" sometimes have a stigma attached to them, however he says these groups would reach out to the grassroots of mental health meaning plain and simple people who are feeling a bit overwhelmed with things going on in their lives.

"We are all confronted with stressors in our lives. Mental health encompasses overall wellness."

Thompson says the self disclosure in a safe and secure environment helps people to overcome problems large and small.

He hopes eventually the support group would become self-driven and no longer require a tie to the Mental Health Unit.

The second program is a more structure classroom style program called "Bridging the Gap to Wellness."

It is a life skills program that provides opportunity to improve and work on skills that everyone uses in day to day life. Some of the topics that potentially would be covered include, self-esteem, self-concept, relation-

ships, assertiveness, expressing feelings, anger management, leisure and recreation, stress management, money management, grocery shopping, nutrition, communication, conflict resolution, mental health.

Thompson says this program would be more structured, but would follow the course that the people involved took it.

"The support that comes out of this group carries beyond the

group and into the community," says Thompson.

Both programs are only in their preliminary stages. When someone calls the mental health unit at the hospital to express interest, they will be asked to answer a few questions. When all the information is compiled the next steps to seeing these programs become a reality will take place.

The funding for the new pro-

grams has not yet been wholly determined.

"We haven't reached to that point yet," says Thompson, he adds that support of hospital administration will surely be a part of the funding equation.

Thompson says he will be putting pamphlets around town to get more feedback from community members. Anyone interested can also call the Mental Health Unit at 335-7285.

A blast from the past



Grade 2 students from Ross Ford Elementary pray they will make it through the day. The students were part of a field trip that led them to the classroom of the old school house that now is home to the museum. Miss Grumby (her pseudonym) played the roll of an old fashioned school ma'am, complete with strict rules of behavior for the classroom.

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Bridges causing problems for county farmers

By Ceilidh McClurg

Farmers encountering frustration while trying to cross many of the bridges in the county whose railings are too high to allow for equipment, will be happy to know the county is addressing the issue.

The issue arose when one councillor brought forward a concern from a resident who was unable to cross a bridge with his farm machinery in tact. The railing was about four inches higher than the header

of his combine.

When the discussion began, other councillors said they had also heard similar concerns from farmers in their district and were interested in how the problem could be rectified.

Bill Merchant confirms there are about 15 to 20 bridges in the county which are causing similar problems. Merchant asked Alberta Transportation and Utilities for an estimate of cost for lowering the railings and was told it would be between

\$3,500 and \$5,000 to lower that particular bridge and about the same for others.

Coun. Ben Penner said he felt uncomfortable passing any motion to go ahead with the lowering because there are other bridges that are much more of a hassle for many more people.

"I would be in trouble with some ratepayers if we did this one before we did some others," said Penner.

Council agreed and tabled the request from the Crossfield farmer pending further investigation of standards.

However, the topic brought forward the idea that perhaps if there are no standards that specify bridge rail heights, that the county could set their own standards for future bridges that would not be an inconvenience for farmers and their equipment.

Coun. Dave Derksen said he

did not want the issue dropped no matter what happened.

"Are we really going to ignore all of them or are we going to look at each one individually, because there are many others," said Derksen.

Derksen moved to table the issue and instruct administration to enter into discussion with Alberta Transportation and Utilities regarding further requests and future bridges.

Private schools task force deadline extended

Gary Mar, the Minister of Education, has announced that the deadline for submissions to the Private Schools Funding Task Force will be extended to December 15, 1997, as a result of the postal strike.

"The issue of private schools funding has struck a cord in Albertans. Some people are concerned about not having an opportunity to express their views," stated Mar. "By extending the deadline, we can ensure that any Albertan who wants to can submit their comments."

Submissions can be dropped off at Provincial buildings, at MLA offices and at Alberta Education offices in Edmonton and Calgary. They may also be faxed, to (403) 415-2499. All

MLAs have been asked to make their fax machines and the government courier system available to constituents wishing to make submissions.

The extension of the deadline for submissions also requires an extension of the terms of reference for the Task Force. Originally, a report was expected to be presented to the Minister by the end of December, 1997. The Task Force has now been given until January 19, 1998, to complete its work.

150,000 copies of the discussion paper and workbook have been distributed since September 15. Over 8,000 submissions have been received to date. Public hearings on the issue concluded on November 14.

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- Emergency and 24-hour services will be fully operational, as they are during other holiday periods.
- Provincial historic sites, museums and recreation

areas will be open and many are hosting special family activities. Contact each location for details.

- For more information, contact provincial government departments by December 23.
- After December 23, call the toll-free RITE line (310-0000) for information.



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Lifestyles

"Everything is decided *At The Kitchen Table*"

By Ceilidh McClurg

When Noreen Olson puts a pen to paper any number of things might flow onto the page, but most commonly it is insight.

Olson, author of *At The Kitchen Table*, a regular Didsbury Review column, has a unique way of taking the most common happening or thought and weaving the words to make the fabric of a story.

In fact, she has such a way with words, that her compilations of newspaper columns have become a successful series of books. Her latest creation, *People, Pets and Purple Prose*, has hit the bookshelves this month with a whole new collection of humorous, affectionate, nostalgic, and social commentary that is sure to keep new or dedicated readers hooked.

Speaking of bookshelves, Olson has thousands of books lining the shelves of her library. She walks through the room pulling book after book telling the stories behind each one. One has been signed by a personal friend of hers. Another of her favorites is a piece of children's literature she found at a second hand book store. Olson has so many favorite authors it seems hard for her to single one out.

However, many Didsbury Review readers would name Olson herself as one of their favorite authors.

At The Kitchen Table began as a brainstorm Olson had 17 years ago. She thought she might like to get some of her ideas and stories out in the public.

"I thought maybe it would be fun to write these columns for six months or so, and 17 years later..." she trails off. No more needs to be said. Avid fans can now catch her in the Review, in one of her four books, or at the

numerous speaking engagements that have come out of her so called "hobby."

It was in the early 1980's that one of the newspaper editors of the day took a letter to the editor from Olson. So well crafted was the piece that she suggested Olson could have the talent to write a regular column.

When she started she sat down and wrote a list of about 20 story ideas.

"I think I've only ever taken three things off that list," she laughs. "Something always comes up."

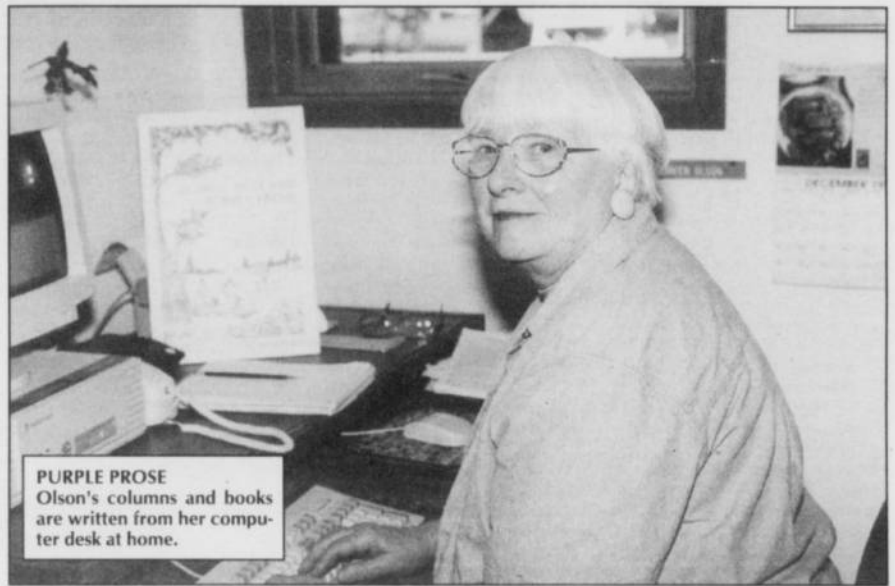
That is the allure of Olson's writing. Anyone can relate to it because it is about things that really happen. For instance one of her recent columns dealt with the topic of dust. Dust? Yes. She had been cleaning her guest bedroom one day and got to thinking, hours later a column in complete form came out of the computer printer.

"That's is why I appeal to ordinary people, because it is stuff that happens to everybody."

She's had lots of experience writing but not always professionally. Olson says her love of writing grew naturally out of her love of reading.

"I've been reading everything I can get my hands on ever since I learned to read," she says.

She says when she was little and was asked to clean her room she would instead put a book in the top drawer of her dresser and stand over it reading. When her mother would come in, she says, she would quickly shut the drawer and pretend she had been cleaning all along. Sneaky. Not really, she says now that she looks back on it she suspects her mother knew what she was up to, but she herself loved to read so much, that she



PURPLE PROSE
Olson's columns and books are written from her computer desk at home.

would simply pretend Noreen had fooled her.

These days, a mother of three and wife of 36 years to husband Ralph, Olson can read whenever she chooses, which just happens to be often.

But, that's not the only thing that keeps her busy.

Olson is also a member of the Alberta Women's Institute, The Sons of Norway, the past chairman of the Alberta Rural Childcare Pilot Project and is a marriage commissioner.

In her spare time (what spare time you might ask) she knits, sews, makes hand crafted dolls, and attends public speaking engagements.

At the most recent session was not only fun for her to do, it help promote her series of books. Out of 110 people in attendance, Olson managed to sell 190 books.

That's a great batting average.

She believes her books sell especially well at Christmas time because they are unique and are inexpensive, only \$10 each.

So far, Olson has written four books and says she will continue as long as she possibly can. Her other titles include *The School Bus Doesn't Stop Here Anymore*; *Dogs, Birds, Kids, and Other Wildlife*; and *The Family Picnic and Other Events*.

Her first book, *At The Kitchen Table 1*, has gone into its fourth press run.

"It was amazing how many people thought it was a cookbook," she laughs. Anyone who's read her works knows that's not even close to truth.

So, where did Olson come up with the unusual name for her weekly column and first book?

She explains that she and her family were sitting around the kitchen table trying to decide on a name when it struck them.

"We decided that everything is decided around the kitchen table." The rest is written history.

She says she has averaged about one book every two years since then.

When asked which one of her columns or books is her favorite she responds, "That's like trying to choose your favorite child."

Olson's books are available at Calico Patches and Contemporary Graphics in Didsbury, at the Book Store in Olds and at the Credit Union in Cremona. They are also available at select locations in Water Valley and Ponoka. They can also be purchased directly through her.

Greetings from the Dragon's Den

Senior Volleyball was completed this year with the playing of the zone All-Star teams. Congratulations to Shaun Aussenhus and Kael Baergen on their strong performances throughout the year, culminating with their trip to Hanna last Wednesday.

Telus Mobility has established a \$3,500 essay scholarship program entitled *Communication makes a Difference*. This program is part of their ongoing efforts to invest in Alberta and to promote excellence in communication for the future. If interested please see Mr. Neuberger at the office.

Mrs. Williams' second period Foods 20 class were rewarded with wonderful creations during the week of Dec. 1 to 5, when Gail Kohut came to demonstrate the fine art of cake decorating. Mrs. Williams and her class greatly appreciated her expertise. Next week, the first period Foods 10/

20/30 class will be hosting Mrs. Paton's Grade 2 class to help them construct their Christmas gingerbread houses. The students are looking forward to this festive fun.

On Wednesday, Nov. 26 Mr. Logan's mechanics class visited Fountain Tire to get a first hand look at the tire business and to watch the skill involved in a front end alignment. Their gratitude is extended to Fred Morrish and his mechanics team for all their helpful tips and information.

The mechanics class also held a competition recently to establish who was the fastest team to change over two wheels. The winners in the manual (no air wrench) competition were Shaun Murphy, Matt Bisschop, Darren Jacobson, Rob McNeil and David Ward. The winners in the air wrench division were Ian Richmond, Carsten Jensen, Conrad

Cardinal and DarRen Henry. Congratulations to all.

Just a reminder that Ms. Turner's Grade 9s are hoping to raise at least \$300 in money and at least a car load full of toiletries and warm clothing for the Street Kids of Calgary. The money is going to the Exit Program which works with approximately 500 individuals each month, many of whom have left their homes due to sexual, mental or physical abuse and have run to the streets as "choice of no choice". Anyone wanted to make a donation can address the cheque to Exit Community Outreach and hand in to Ms. Turner (please indicate if you would like a receipt for tax purposes). The deadline for all donations is Thursday, Dec. 18 so please try to get your donation into Ms. Turner's classroom before then. Any assistance/donation is welcome.

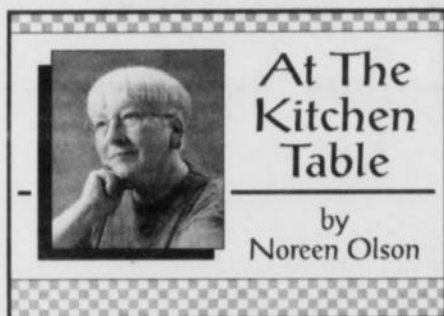
Has everyone had the opportunity to buy a light bulb or two from the graduating class yet? Please be sure to purchase one or two as soon as possible and help make the Didsbury gazebo shine all through Christmas.

Any grads from last year will be glad to know that the composite grad photo arrived this week and should be hanging by the grad lounge for viewing. Also anyone who has not yet received their baby picture back from last year's grad, needs to contact Ms. Turner.

Our school has begun to get into the festive spirit during the past weeks and this mood will culminate into an exciting final week before Christmas with the annual door decoration competition, the turkey shoot and the Christmas house building contest. Please stop by during the final week of school and admire the joyous atmosphere.



Drop off your Dear Santa letters at the Didsbury Review and we'll forward them to the North Pole and print them in our next issue.



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Good manners do not have to do with which fork you use and your knowledge of wine. I wish I could remember which authority said that "manners is the art of making your companions feel comfortable." If it is important to your companions that you use the correct fork then do your best, but if you are dining casually and making a fuss about forks, then it is your manners that need improvement. This is not to say that knowing the rules for formal dining is a bad thing. There are times when it is very nice to know which utensil goes with which course, and it is often quite important, that people know that you are a civilized and educated person. Knowing the rules makes you better equipped to play the game and gives you the confidence to play. Good manners go a long way toward creating a good impression and in business or social situations a good impression is a necessity if you expect to succeed. So what are good manners? Is it ever acceptable to be bad mannered or rude? Must we always make our companions feel comfortable?

A friend of ours was at a formal dinner and seated across the table from Grant MacEwan. MacEwan is probably the most beloved elder in Alberta and no one would question his manners. At each setting was a bread and butter plate and on each of these plates there was a very large and very crisp roll. One of the guests attempted to open his roll and threw and crumbs and crust all over his end of the table. After that the other guests looked hungrily at their bread but didn't touch it. Too messy, too embarrassing. The soup course arrived. MacEwan looked from his soup to his bread and made a brilliant decision. He held the bun over the soup bowl and broke it into several bite sized pieces. Everybody broke their bun into their soup and in a room full of strangers the people at the MacEwan table became fast friends. Now that's class.

Good manners are mostly common sense, courtesy and decency. Treat people the way you would like to be treated yourself. The difference between man and beast is that man has the ability to be polite. It is not polite to play your music so loudly that the people in the next block can't sleep. It is not polite to use filthy language, to enter into company without washing or to ride your motorcycle through the church picnic. Neither is it polite for telemarketers to call during supper and enter into a monologue that allows you no time to respond. I am sick of having my privacy invaded by high pressure telephone salesmen and I am about to fight back. If any of these methods appeal to you feel free.

"Hi there Mrs. Olsen, I'm calling from Sprint Canada and I want you to be aware of..."

Me: "Sprint Canada, this is the three hundredth time you have called me and I have decided to have my phone removed. Do not ever try to call me again. Is this quite clear?"

"Mrs. Olsen, my name is Sheleen Storie and I am with the Silvertone Vacuum company. We are in your area and..."

Me, interrupting: "Storie? Are you one of the Bluffton Stories?"

Salesperson, "Uh, no, I don't think so, we are in your area and..."

Me: "Well was your family from Hoadley then, or maybe Alix? I once heard of a Storie from Alix."

Salesperson: "No, I don't think so, we are in your area and..."

Me: "Wilbur Storie went to jail for defrauding the power company, is he out yet?"

Salesperson: "I don't know, we are in..."

Me: "Are you one of Wilbur's girls?"

Salesperson: "No, I don't know Wilbur, we are in your..."

Me: "Look, if you are not one of Wilbur's girls then just who are you? Is this another fraud? You people can't be trusted can you? Don't call me again."

"Mrs. Olsen I represent the Gold Hand Buyers Co-op. Do you know how to get most of the things you need at wholesale prices? Do you know that by joining our organization you can save thousands of dollars each year? Do you know where the Deerfoot intersects with..."

Me: "Do you know that if the people who live in the country quit supporting local businesses there would be no local businesses and soon we would find ourselves driving all the way to the city for six nails and a pair of dress socks? Do you know that the people I deal with are friends and neighbors? Do you know that I will never join your organization?"

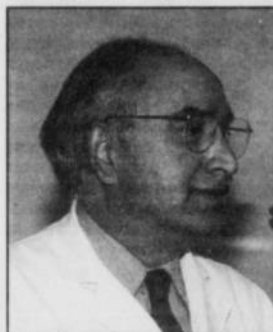
"Do you currently subscribe to our magazine?"

Me: "No, and neither do I subscribe to the National Enquirer with which you are on a par. You are homophobic, anti-feminine, non-intellectual and sensationalistic. Your magazine makes me wish I never knew how to read."

There's one that never called back.

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Ask Dr. Ahmad



Q. In spite of the availability of insulin for diabetes mellitus why is it that diabetes is so prevalent and life threatening?

A. Diabetes Mellitus is prevalent in spite of insulin treatment because it is a hereditary disorder. In addition to that, poor dietary habits, alcohol intake, and a lack of exercise could lead to the disease. For prevention of diabetes, especially in those people that are potential diabetics, it is absolutely mandatory to control di-

etary intake of sugars. Weight gain in potential diabetics could certainly at one stage or the other in life cause diabetes. Exercise also plays an important part in prevention of diabetes. Exercise stimulates the metabolism of glucose in presence of insulin. In potential diabetics who may have either low production of insulin or production of faulty insulin, exercise certainly helps to promote utilization of glucose. To reduce the presence of insulin, all high risk people should make an endeavor to have screening tests done to rule out diabetes mellitus.

As far as treatment with insulin is concerned, unfortunately use of insulin is some people may not prevent complications either because the amount of insulin is inadequate or the dietary control is poor in spite of using insulin. Insulin use may control the blood sugars, however, it may not reduce the complication of hardening of the arteries (atherosclerosis). For these rea-

sons it is unfortunate that complications of insulin dependant diabetes may continue in spite of treatment. Since one of the complications of diabetes mellitus is hardening of arteries and since this may effect hardening of arteries everywhere in the body, including kidneys, heart and central nervous system it may lead to complications of blindness, heart attacks or strokes. In summary, to control diabetes and prevention of complications and prevalence an endeavor should be made to improve the diet, to keep weight under control and to do regular exercise. Those who are already diabetics and are insulin dependant it is important to control diabetes and keep blood sugar levels close to normal whenever possible.

If you have any medical question or problem you wish Dr. Ahmad to answer you can write to him care of the Didsbury Review at Box 760, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 or e-mail him at didsbury_review@awnet.net

Southwest Didsbury news

Best wishes of the area go to former resident Alma Befus of Calgary who has been ill in the Rocky View Hospital. We hope you will soon be feeling better and settled in your new home at Westview Lodge in Calgary.

Westcott area would like to welcome new residents, Rebecca and Michael McConigal who bought an acreage across from Donna and Roy Luft and moved into their mobile home on Nov. 15. The McConigal's have two children, Brittany and Cassidy. Micheal is field manager for Dynastar Drilling of Carstairs. We hope you'll soon get acquainted with the friendly area people.

Parkland Agri Services Ltd., held their annual appreciation and information day on Friday, Nov. 28 in Carstairs. Information seminars were held at Carstairs half century club.

The seminars included a talk by Dr. Jean Evans, on methods to increase the yield of grain. Also Parkland owner manager Tony Overwater gave a talk on looking towards the future and the latest significant achievements. Another speaker spoke on the attitude of winning and Ron Salter and Blake Reid spoke on demand production and the future of export hay.

To round out the day a very large crowd thoroughly enjoyed a delicious supper at the Carstairs Community Hall with Teresa McNeil as the caterer. Darryl Mork of Cremona provided the entertainment. A number of area people took home lovely door prizes. Making for a great day by Parkland.

Westcott's Dec. 3 Coffee Party hosted by Colleen Waner and Judy Newsome was en-

joyed by about 20 ladies and five children. Christmas decorations made the Hall look very festive and the ladies served a delicious lunch of fresh bread and Christmas goodies and pop corn. The next coffee party will be held Jan. 7 with Tina Johnson and Karen Baudistel as hostesses.

Westcott Christmas supper party will be held at the Hall Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a salad and dessert. All area folk and newcomers are welcome to attend.

About 40 ladies and gentlemen attended Knox U.C.W. Christmas Party on Tuesday, Nov. 2. President Doreen McEwen and Evelyn Clark and Kay Fisher sang a trio. Everyone enjoyed singing Christmas

carols and a lovely lunch. The ladies all brought Christmas goodies which were boxed and delivered.

The Museum's annual supper at the Elks Hall was well attended on Wednesday, Dec. 3. The executive catered and the food was excellent. \$500 was donated to the Museum by the Elks Club and the cheque was graciously accepted by Marg Weaver, the historical society's president. A number of people won door prizes, and it was a very nice evening.

With such beautiful weather it is hard to believe that at this time last year we had almost three feet of snow and cold weather. Christmas lights are hung upon the buildings and trees and everything looks very nice. If you are in Airdrie go near the Festival of Lights in the park south of Safeway mall.



Bessie
ECKSTRAND

Jackson W.I. news

By Nellie Davies

On Nov. 26, 13 members of Jackson Women's Institute met at the home of Lita Reid. She had chosen *There's a long, long trail* as the opening song; after which the Mary Stewart Collect was repeated. The president, Mary Jane Davies chaired the meeting and her thought for the day was recipe for happiness. The roll call was to identify some of the birds who visited your garden in the winter. The nursing home tea on Nov. 18 was enjoyed and our thanks go to Doreen Allen and Verna Allenspach who provided the music. Mary Jane had attended the Constituency meeting and the constituency conference will be held April 14, 1998. The topic for

the month was Agriculture and Canadian Industries. Judy Bellamy introduced her guest speaker Bruce Roy. He is a local breeder of Percheron horses. He is also the editor of the magazine *Feather and Fetlock*. This magazine is, as it states on the cover, "A breeder's review and album of the Belgian, Clydesdale, Percheron and Shire horses."

The magazine has 2,000 subscribers world wide. He told of the interesting people he had met and places he had visited. We heard of large areas where horses are still used for all the farm duties.

The next meeting will be at the home of Evelyn Robertson on Dec. 17.



**Sheryl
ROTHERT**

So... now what's to eat?

Sheryl Rothert is a wife, mother and an advocate of healthy food choices with a B.Sc., B.Ed. in Home Economics. With more than a decade's worth of teaching experience, Rothert now offers tips and recipes for today's busy family.

Okay, time to break my rules...the appetizer recipe I have for you this week is not exactly inexpensive to make from items you have on hand all the time, but it is quick and good for you and.....well.....afterall, Christmas is coming - treat time!

Salmon Cheese Ball

- 1 8 oz. pkg. light cream cheese, softened
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. grated onion
1/8 tsp. horseradish
1 - 1lb can salmon, drained, flaked, with bones and skin removed.
1/4 c. chopped pecans
1/4 c. parsley flakes

1. Combine 1st 7 ingredients and mix well; chill.
 2. Combine pecans and parsley.
 3. Shape salmon into either two small or one large ball.
 4. Roll into pecan-parsley mixture. Chill well.
- Serves 10 - 12 with crackers and celery chunks.
Changes: Try various toppings such as sesame seeds, walnuts, and crushed nacho chips.

TIP of the Week: Plan for leftovers after your guest evening. Have a nice hearty soup with your extra appetizers. That way, your family gets a special evening, too!

Legion #105 December events

By Marge St. Clair

Wednesday Dec. 10 and 17; satellite and regular bingo at 7:25 p.m.; darts at 7:30 p.m. Pasta night.

Thursday, Dec. 11; shuffleboard at 7:30 p.m.; bridge at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12; buffet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.; trivia at 6 p.m.; entertainment, Back to Back.

Saturday, Dec. 13; zone cribbage; meat draws at 4:30 p.m.; entertainment, Back to Back.

Sunday, Dec. 14; Legion children's Christmas party. Regular and satellite bingo at 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 15, 22 and 29;

shuffleboard at 1 p.m. and cribbage at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18; senior's luncheon.

Friday, Dec. 19 and Saturday, Dec. 20 entertainment Unlawful Assembly.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 Branch closes at 6 p.m. and will remain closed Dec. 25 and Dec. 26.

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Lounge Party. Entertainment, Cactus Heart.

Sincerest wishes for a merry Christmas to all our members and friends and have a happy holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in 1998.

Special services for Christmas at local churches

By Marge St. Clair

Christmas is the time to rejoice in the birth of our Saviour and you can do so by attending special services at the church of your choice as follows:

Bergthol Church: Pastor Bruce Wiebe:

Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. Children's program.

Thursday, Dec. 25 at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service.

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church, Pastor John Lucas:

Friday, Dec. 19 Christmas banquet at 6:30 p.m. at Mountain View Hall.

Sunday Dec. 21 Regular service at 11 a.m. followed by Sunday school. Same day: Christmas Program and Candlelight service at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 28, regular service at 11 a.m. No Sunday school.

Chinook Winds Christian Centre, Pastors Richard and Beth Kope:

Sunday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. Special Christmas service. Casual dress, everyone welcome.

Knox United Church, Rev. Malcolm Proffitt:

Sunday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. Sunday school pageant.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church:

Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve mass at the Complex.

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, Reverend John Orman:

Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Christmas concert followed by Christmas goodies.

Sunday, Dec. 21 at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school pageant.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. Family service, no communion.

Smart Choices impaired driving campaign launched

"Alberta has seen an overall decline in casualty collisions involving drinking drivers which means we are moving in the right direction," said Walter Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities.

"But we still have a long way to go and we hope that the launch of our new holiday season impaired driving campaign will help convince more Albertans that the risks and consequences of drinking and driving just are not worth it."

Paszkowski joined a number of traffic safety stakeholders last week at the official launch of the Alberta Traffic Safety Initiative's Smart Choices provincial impaired driving program at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre in Edmonton.

This campaign is aimed at further reducing the incidence of impaired driving in Alberta. This launch coincides with the beginning of National Safe Driving Week which also has an impaired driving theme. Paszkowski called on all Albertans to play a role in eliminating drinking and driving in this province.

In attendance were Police Chief John Lindsay, Chairman of the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police; Bob Dunster, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Public Security Division, Alberta Justice; members of the local chapters of People Against Impaired Driving (PAID), Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) and other partners in the program. They had the opportunity to preview a new public service announcement entitled "Gift Suggestions", which will start airing across the province this week.

Holiday festivities create situations where social drink-

ing can turn into needless tragedy. The program is designed to get better information to Albertans about the personal risks and consequences of drinking and driving and suggestions on how everyone can get home safely.

"We have made an impact on impaired driving in this province because we have all worked together to tackle this tough problem," said Chief Lindsay.

"Since 1984, the number of people charged with impaired driving has decreased by 59%. Obviously, Albertans are making smarter choices. Driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs is a serious criminal offence, and today's program reveals some of the real consequences people face when convicted of this crime."

In Alberta, you are legally impaired if your blood alcohol reading is at or above .08. But impairment can occur at much lower levels, which means you could be impaired even after just one or two drinks. Tragic collisions, arrests, suspensions, criminal records, significantly higher automobile insurance costs, and possible jail terms are the realities of this crime.

"Everyone has a choice," said Chief Lindsay. "You can choose to drink or you can choose to drive. But if you do both, we will catch you."

Alberta police agencies will co-ordinate their efforts this month to run the Checkstop program. Other groups are also running various campaigns to remind Albertans not to drink and drive.

In Alberta, statistics show that while younger drivers are still the most likely to become involved in a casualty collision involving alcohol, this age group has also shown the largest decrease in these alcohol-related collisions. However, drivers age 30 and over are not following suit as the statistics show very little change in their drinking and driving, collision-related behaviour. Smart Choices is designed to help decrease the incidence of drinking and driving in all age categories.

Rather than risk an impaired driving charge, you have other options. You can decide not to drink, you can go with a group and designate a driver, you can take a taxi, bus or LRT, or you can spend the night where you are. All it takes is a little advanced thought when you head out for a party. And, if you did not plan ahead, you can call a friend or family member to drive you home.

"It is everyone's responsibility to help stop impaired driving," said Paszkowski. "Be part of the solution and do not drink and drive."



Didsbury Municipal Library news

New Arrivals:

10 lb. *Penalty*, Dick Francis; *Angels along the Way: My Life with Help from Above*, Della Reese; *Cat and Mouse: a novel*, James Patterson; *Faun and Games*, Piers Anthony; *Fury: Inside the Life of Theoren Fleury*, Andrew H. Malcolm; *The Ghost*, Danielle Steel; *The Ice Master: a novel of the Arctic*, James Houston; *The Lady on my Left: a novel*, Catherine Cookson; *Lucky You: a novel*, Carl Hiaasen; *Scorned and Beloved: Dead of Winter Meetings with Canadian Eccentrics*, Bill Richardson; *Sober . . . and Staying that Way*, Susan Powder; *Specter of the Past (Star Wars)*, Timothy Zahn; *Survival of the Fittest*, Jonathan Kellerman; *Unfinished Symphony*, V.C. Andrews.

Congratulations:

The winner of a free hour of internet usage for November was Kevin Wong. So stop into the library and surf the web and you too could win a hour of internet access.

Did you know . . .

That according to a recent study conducted by ComQUEST Research, usage of the web has jumped from 9.7% to 19.3% of Canadian adults during the past year. Among men, the increase in weekly Web usage was +70% from a year ago, while women's increased by 182% in the same period. There are now 4,529,000 Canadian adults using the World Wide Web one or more times each week.

Learning information service web-site launched

Thanks to ALIS, Albertans now have a wealth of information about adult learning and career opportunities available through the click of a mouse.

The Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS) web-site was launched by Clint Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development. The site serves as an Internet gateway to resources vital to Albertans pursuing post-secondary education or looking for employment.

"I think ALIS will be a great

benefit to all Albertans," said Dunford. "This service will bring them so much valuable information through one, easily accessed, web site."

ALIS is a partnership of organizations which recognized need for an Internet site to help Albertans explore their career choices. It provides links to information on subjects such as: career choices, education and training programs, learning institutions, student loans and scholarships, transferring credits among Alberta institutions, applying online for admission

to participating learning institutions.

ALIS' partners are: Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, Alberta Education, the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer, publicly funded colleges and technical institutions, private accredited colleges, Alberta universities, the Council of Alberta University Students, and the Alberta College and Technical Institute Students' Executive Council. Discover the benefits of ALIS at <http://www.alberta-learning.ab.ca>



Museum Musings

By Marg Weaver

Another successful Christmas supper was served to 165 happy patrons of the Museum at the Elks Hall on Dec. 3. We had a wonderful time. A hearty roast-beef dinner was prepared and served by our members. We decided against the traditional turkey this year, because it seems we get our fill of that by the end of the season so the roast-beef was a pleasant change.

The Rev. Doug Waite started us off with some very timely words of faith and thanks.

We wish to give a special thank-you to the Elks, our very good friends, who donated the use of their banquet facilities and the very

generous cheque of \$500 for our boiler fund. Thank you so much, we appreciate your help to us.

We had our usual door prizes donated to us by local merchants.

Our raffle of the framed print was won by Dick Murphy and the two copies of *Images*, a pictorial history of Didsbury compiled by Arlene Douglas were won by Robert Faunt and Gabrielle Vincent.

We ended our evening with a sing song with Shirley Thompson at the piano and Terry Walls boosting us on. A very merry Christmas to all our Museum friends and members.

Local schools' calendar of events

Cremona:

Dec. 17 Cremona School Band and Christmas Concert.
Didsbury Outreach:
Dec. 15 Family photos.
Dec. 17 Year end party.
Women's Issue Course Weekly.

Men's Issue Course Weekly.

HOMEbase:

Dec. 16 Family Bowling in Olds and Red Deer.

Hugh Sutherland:

Dec. 18 Elementary Christmas Concert.
Ross Ford:

Dec. 11 Annual white elephant sale.

Dec. 16, 17, 18 ECS Concerts.

Dec. 17 Go. 1 Concert

Westglen:

Dec. 11 Christmas Concert
Dec. 17 Turkey Dinner

RELIGION

Way of life: Make this a better Christmas season

We live in a world where trust is vital. Often it is lacking. For example we know that our water resources are essential for our life and health but we rely on others to ensure that healthy water is delivered to each home. For those who have well water then the trust is in those who test that it is pure. Without much thought we are relying on faith.

Similarly with the air we breathe we know that it is vital for our lives, and yet we rarely think of the regulations that govern air pollution, or who monitors air quality we simply rely on faith that we can breathe with only modest risk to the health of most people.

If we need a doctor then we rely on their professional opinion and usually take any medications or drugs that are prescribed.

There are of course innumerable examples which show how interconnected we are as human beings relying on different people for different necessities of life and services.

In reality we are used to living in faith. In practice this works for us until we apply it to the religious life. Then we move into an area where our present scien-

tific knowledge does not allow us to so easily prove that God is active in the lives of people all around us; and if we let God in, then at work in our own lives.

However, consider the evidence. First a wonderful world that was created by God. The random chance theory does not make much sense to most people, nor is it particularly scientific. Then the bible. A

collection of 66 books which were written in various forms and languages over a period likely exceeding on thousand years. Different writers were involved and the experience of God is recorded from every perspective. The God who was King, the God who gave spiritual comfort, the

God who defended in battle, and so on. Then the reports about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Those stories only make sense when we acknowledge the power of God.

Then there are all the reports from other religions where people have also been seeking God and moral structure for society.

Then since the time of Jesus there is a long and impressive record of church growth and development, and of particularly significant people who can be remembered for their Christian journey.

In our own time we live in a world claiming far in excess of one billion Christian people from every culture, in every country, many persecuted for their faith even in this century.

In some countries the Christian church flourishes and grows and prospers and at local level there are a variety of churches, gifts and ministries all proclaiming that the faith of God is shared by many people.

Jesus himself said that if our faith was even like a tiny mustard seed we could move mountains, and certainly many figurative mountains of opposition have been move through people's faith.

As we approach the Christ-

mas season we have an opportunity to examine our own faith; and if we chose, to share in worship and participate in the celebration of a baby who was born about two thousand years ago, but whose life changed not just the calendar (B.C./A.D.) but world history forever. Surely that is the basis for faith. With faith, hope and love we can then share in our community in changing things for the better at this Christmas season.



Rev. John
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St. Cyprian's Anglican

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2037 24th Avenue Didsbury 335-4664
SERVICES

8:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sunday
Every Sunday Is A Family Sunday
With Nursery, Sunday School &
Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
(Except 5th Sunday - Morning Prayer)
Followed By A Fellowship Hour
The Rev. John Orman
St Cyprian's Welcomes Everyone

Fortress Baptist Church

Meeting at the Didsbury Train Station
(SW entrance facing businesses)
Pastor Jim Warkentin • 335-4878
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Meet us at the Station.

Chinook Winds Christian Centre

1726 22 Ave. Didsbury, 335-3551
Invites You to join us for
SUNDAY CELEBRATION: 10 a.m.
for the whole family

Call us re: Teen Ministry, Children's Church
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We are a Family Renewal Ministry
and you will be warmly welcomed
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Pastors Richard & Beth Kope

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 24 Ave Didsbury Phone 556-3084
Mass Time: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
Otherwise Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA

1500 - 23rd Street. (Opposite for

St. Anthony's Catholic Church)

Church: 335-3161 / Res. 335-3656

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 10:30 a.m.

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meetings throughout the week.

West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - west 1/2 miles

Pastor Jim Miller. Information call 337-2020

Sept. 1st - June 20th

Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.

Worship Service - 10:55 A.M.

Necessity available during service.

Everyone Welcome

Mountain View Evangelical

Missionary Church

(14 Kilometers East of Didsbury)

Pastor John Lucas 335-8923

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

2026 - 21st Avenue

Pastor: Richard Pahl. • Phone: 335-3629

Youth Director, David Black

Sun. 9:25 a.m. Worship Celebration

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

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Didsbury High School Grads are going to be lighting up the night, with your help that is.

This year, as one of the many fundraisers put on by the graduating class, the grade 12s are selling Christmas lights in hopes of helping to decorate the town for the season.

Carley Thomas, January Meston and Shaun Ausenhuis are the executive branch of the grad committee that is selling the bulbs.

"We have given out tickets to the grade 12s and they sell individual bulbs for \$2 or three bulbs for \$5," says Thomas.

Midnight Madness' mini-trade show was the first night the committee went out in the community to sell the lights.

"We had a great response," says Thomas.

"Yes, we had to print more tickets because we sold 250 by the end of the night," says Meston.

The lights are going to be used to decorate the gazebo on Dec. 10, and there will be a special lighting ceremony on the 13, where there will also be a draw for a special prize.

"That is a surprise," says Meston. "But it is a really great prize."

The grads have to raise \$8,000 for their ceremony and celebration in May.

The money goes towards food, rentals, decorations and the party at the Memorial Complex.

The grads are happy with the response to their Christmas fundraiser.

"Tickets have gone really fast," says Meston.

"We are hoping to raise most of the money within the class itself," says Meston. "But we are also hoping for some help from the community."

The three students say they seek most of their support for grad costs from students at DHS.

"We need the class to support it first," says Ausenhuis.

Tickets for Christmas lights are available from any member of the graduating class.

There are other fundraisers planned for the class including a hypnotist show and the annual fashion show, with future dates to be announced.

Pictured are Thomas and Meston at the Mini-Trade Fair.



Faces

a brief glimpse at the people and events in our community

Santa wants to hear from you!

Santa Claus is working with the Didsbury Review this year in hopes of answering all your Christmas wishes. If you want to make sure Mr. Claus gets your list, please drop it off at the Review office at 2017 A 19th Ave. We will print copies of your letters next week for Mr. Claus, as well as forward them to the North Pole to insure he knows what you are wishing for this year. And watch for an exclusive interview with Mr. Claus in next week's Review. Santa can be reached by phone from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. evenings and all day on weekends by dialing NES-CREW (637-2739).



A spiritual telling

It is a timeless story of faith and miracles that is almost lost in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, yet it is an integral part of what Christmas is.

The story is of a man and his pregnant wife who come to a town where there is no room at the inn, and their child is born in a manger. This year, there will be a reminder of what Christmas is really about, when the Redeemer Lutheran Church puts on their annual Live Nativity.

The Live Nativity is an outdoor Christmas play that shares with people the story of the miracle of Jesus' birth. The nativity is a play featuring live animals, actors and celebration.

The nativity begins with the foretelling of Jesus' birth, and follows through the story right through to the miracle in Bethlehem.

Pastor Robert Mohns of the Lutheran Church says that every year many people come out to see the show.

"It started as a desire to share more than general Christmas spirit," says Mohns. "We wanted to share the spiritual story of Jesus' birth."

Mohns says whatever form the story is shared, it brings an impact to the community.

"We prefer to call our nativity as a telling rather than a story," says Mohns. "Because we use the text straight out of the gospels."

Mohns says that the nativity is a family affair, with many coming to enjoy the telling, some Christmas goodies and community cheer.

"Families come together at the nativity," says Mohns.

"Our goal is simply to give back to the community and give an opportunity to people to slow down and remind themselves what Christmas is really all about."

The Live Nativity runs on the Redeemer Lutheran Church's front lawn from Sunday, Dec. 21 to Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 7:45 p.m.



A growing idea needs support

Didsbury is famous for its looks. Many people comment on the beautiful drive into town and all the wonderful trees that line our peaceful streets.

But some of the trees are sick, and some are even dead, which requires action to be taken.

The Didsbury Environmental Advisory

Board (DEAB), has made an application for a grant from the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation for money to replace the sick and dying trees in our town.

Wes Yeoman, Director of Engineering and Operational Services for the town of Didsbury, says more is needed from the community to make the new trees a reality.

"The goal is to remove hazardous old trees, dead trees, dying trees and stumps and replace them with new trees," says Yeoman. "The problem is we need more community support for the project in order to receive the grant."

The new trees will be replace older ones in parks, greenspace and boulevards in town.

"In looking for aid we are not even looking for money," says Yeoman. "Instead we are looking for any group or individual who could provide labor, materials, or even a letter supporting the project."

Yeoman says they need around \$12,000 for the entire project, with the Town proposing to commit \$4,000 to it themselves.

Help for the proposed tree replacement is needed from both individuals and service groups, says Yeoman. Any support needs to be expressed in a letter addressed to Yeoman.

Any groups or individuals willing to assist tree replacement are asked to submit a letter to the Town Office, attention Wes Yeoman, no later than Dec. 17.

Most of the dead and dying trees in town are poplars, something which Yeoman says is not a good tree for Didsbury.

"They grow really fast, and they have a messy root system," he says. "We are looking into replacing existing poplars with better breeds."

The project is expected to take place next spring.



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In Business

Raising elk instead of cattle - a wild experience

By Hilary Clark

They come out at dusk, wandering up the embankment, cautiously approaching the trough, ears perked towards any noise.

They are elk, beautiful wild animals whose very presence lends a bit of wilderness to Greg and Barbara Neufeld's farm.

But these animals are not some wild game happening upon a peaceful Alberta ranch, they are being raised here as a commercial venture.

Neu Century Farms, the Neufeld's home and business, is one of a handful of farms in Alberta that are choosing a viable option to the tradition of raising cattle.

Elk are raised for their velvet, the softer portion of the male antler that is used in Asian medicine to treat such ailments as arthritis.

The Neufelds have only cows, or females, on their farm west of Didsbury. The eight elk have provided the Neufelds the opportunity to do what they have always wanted to; live on a farm.

"We wanted to buy a farm," says Barbara. "But we didn't want to raise cattle, instead we went looking for something on the leading edge."

Elk were the answer. Barbara says she appreciates how close to nature the elk are. And how efficient they are.

Elk have strong seasonal cycles. Which means they breed regularly, in the fall and calve in the spring/summer.

"Which is different from cows," says Barbara. "You don't have to get up at 4 a.m. in -30 degree weather to help a cow calve."



FEEDING TIME

The Neu Century Farm's elk come out at dusk to feed. The eight elk are part of Barbara and Greg Neufeld's operation to harvest velvet from the elk, which is used in Asian medicine. The Neufelds have eight cows, or females at their farm west of Didsbury.

Photo By Barbara Neufeld

Elk also are very resilient, preferring to live in a natural state, even on a farm.

"Elk are three times more efficient than cattle, and they are very low maintenance," says Barbara.

Elk, if raised from calves closely with humans, can become pets and will follow a person around like a dog. Something that the Neufelds do not practice.

"We prefer to keep them a little wild," says Barbara. "They are such natural animals."

There are many differences between choosing to raise elk instead of cattle. One of them is that elk are able to take vegetation which people could not eat and live on and efficiently turn it into good nutritious food.

The elk are social animals,

with strong herding instincts, making them easy to handle on a farm.

And elk are also natives of our climate, meaning they don't mind frigid winter temperatures.

Barbara says people are quite interested in the little herd of elk on their farm.

"People like to come look," says Barbara. "Unfortunately, a lot of people would like to shoot them too."

The elk at Neu Century Farms almost seem like a wild herd, a fact which Barbara attributes to their large and differing land.

Elk prefer to be able to see all around them and large open spaces are better for them.

"We have them fenced in, but there are lots of places for them

to go, we have a very nice place."

The Neufelds also have a farm in Saskatchewan with more elk on it, but they are unable to bring the elk into Alberta because of a Tuberculosis Brucellosis (TB) scare nine years ago, that led to the slaughter of many herds in Alberta.

"Since then the borders have been closed in Alberta to prevent the same thing from happening again," says Barbara.

Barbara says now is a very exciting time to be raising elk, mostly because of the growing popularity of velvet.

"It is becoming big news on the medical front," she says. "Right now the market for it is 75% in Asia and 25% in North America, but the North American number is growing."

Velvet is used to prevent and treat a variety of conditions, including arthritis, rheumatism, back pain, joint pain, stress, blood pressure control, low energy level, varicose veins, low blood, menopause, cardiovascular problems, poor circulation, monthly cramps, heart problems, hot flashes, vertigo, kidney problems, diabetes, insomnia, tinnitus, hormone imbalance, coughs, boils and sexual disorders.

Oriental medicine differs from the scientific Western approach in that it is based on the promotion of health and prevention of illness rather than concentrating on treating sicknesses, which means most people take velvet before their symptoms arise.

The velvet is crushed and sometimes it is sold as is, or mixed with Canadian ginseng then packaged in caplets.

"It's really great, it works wonders," says Barbara who takes it herself.

Velvet is extremely popular in Korea, where it is considered one of the most luxurious of herbal medicines.

But it is the animals themselves that seem to draw people to raising elk. Though they are native to our climate, they seem to add mysticism to the average farm.

The Neufeld's nine year old daughter, Jennifer, looks after chores for the elk, while their ten year old daughter Katrina, looks after their other venture at the farm, the raising of Norwegian Fjords, a breed of horses.

"The elk are beautiful animals," says Barbara. "It is a pleasure to have them on the farm."

Interest rates lowered for beginning farmers

Ed Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, announced on Dec. 2 that interest rates under the Beginning Farmer Program (BFP) are being reduced to seven and a half per cent, beginning April 1, 1998.

"This rate reduction will ensure that the program continues to meet the needs of new and existing beginning farmers in developing and maintaining viable farm operations," said Stelmach. "We feel that the program must not only assist beginning farmers to get started into farming, but also must provide them with long term stability."

The Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) will be able to finance lower interest rate loans as a result of its ability to obtain lower commercial interest rates and Alberta's preferred credit rating. AFSC is passing these savings on to its customers.

The current gap in interest

rates between the BFP and short-term commercial lending rates means that some beginning farmers have been putting themselves at a financial risk by refinancing long-term loans over shorter terms to take advantage of the lower interest rates. To address this gap, interest rates for BFP loans are being reduced from nine per cent to seven and a half per cent, effective April 1, 1998.

"We believe these changes will significantly help beginning farmers in managing their risk so that they'll be able to afford to get into the business of farming," said Stelmach. "Stability in entry-level agricultural operations helps the farmer, the industry and future growth in the primary and secondary processing sectors."

For customers in the first five years of their loan term, the net interest rate after applying the BFP incentive will remain unchanged at six per cent. The incentive will be low-

ered to one and a half per cent from three per cent.

The goal of the Beginning Farmer Program (BFP) is to assist beginning farmers to develop and maintain viable businesses. This program is one of a comprehensive package of safety net programs focused on assisting young farmers to enter a high-risk, capital industry and also to provide them with the stability necessary to succeed.

The BFP is critical to the long term health of agriculture by maintaining a supply of new entrants and enabling the inter-generational transfer of family farm businesses.

The average age of beginning farmer borrowers under this program was 33 years in the fiscal year 1996/97. New entrants are important in achieving the projected growth goals of \$10 billion in primary production and \$20 billion in value-added production in Alberta by 2005.

The reduction in the beginning farmer rate is required in order for the BFP to remain responsive to the needs of beginning farmers. Both interest rates and stability are extremely important to beginning farmers since many do not have sufficient equity required to withstand the risk of fluctuating interest rates, commodity margins and production uncertainties. Therefore, even when interest rates are low, long-term stability is a key element in the development of successful beginning farm operations.

If the BFP interest rate is not comparable to other lenders, many young farmers with short-term cash flow pressures will open themselves up to financial risk to take advantage of short-term cash flow pressures will open themselves up to financial risk to take advantage of short-term cash flow savings by refinancing long-term loans over shorter terms.

The cost of providing loans

at the reduced rate for new and existing loans effective April 1, 1998 will be accommodated through borrowing funds from commercial money markets. Since borrowing rates have been declining the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) is able to pass the benefit of these savings on to beginning farmers.

New beginning farmer program borrowers are eligible for an incentive during the first five years which reduces the interest rate to six per cent. Costs for existing borrowers during the first five years are unchanged as the BFP incentive is also being reduced to one and a half per cent from three per cent, for an unchanged net rate of six per cent.

In 1996/97, AFSC made 612 loans to beginning farmers, totalling \$55.3 million.

As of Oct. 31, 1997, there are 8,263 loans outstanding to beginning farmers for a total of \$604.9 million.

WCWGA convention to discuss future of farming

Is Canada prepared to compete in the "Brave New World" of agri-business?

That theme will be front and centre at the annual convention of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association (WCWGA) Jan. 7 to 9, 1998 in Kananaskis, Alberta.

Among the program highlights will be an address by Don McGauchie, President of the National Farmers' Federation of Australia in a session entitled *Marketing in the New World*.

Unlike Canada, Australia operates a domestic dual market for wheat, and farmers there have the option of taking a cash or pooled price on wheat exports.

The Australian Wheat Board (AWB) is also in the process of being privatized.

"The Australians are modernizing their grain marketing system while Canada moves backward," says Wheat Growers President Larry Maguire, referring to the new Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) Act. "Our government's insistence on preserving the status quo is putting Canadian farmers at a competitive disadvantage."

The convention keynote address will be delivered by Randy Allen, the number one U.S. speaker on farm marketing planning. Other highlights will include a session on the next round of international trade talks with Herb Karst, President of the U.S. National Barley Growers Association and Mike Gifford a senior trade official with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

There will also be a session entitled "Innovations" featuring Pat Durnin, Chairman of

Agri Partners International Inc., Jim Haggins, Western Marketing Manager of Pig Improvement Canada and Tom Droog, President of Splendor Seeds; and a biotechnology session with presentations by Murray McLaughlin, President of Ontario Agri-Food Technologies and Greg Buzza, Research Manager with Zencca Seeds.

The 28th annual convention line-up maintains the Wheat Grower tradition of a forum for new ideas and innovation, says Maguire.

"Regardless of the debates we're currently engaged in over the new Wheat Board Act and transportation reform, the shape of our industry will change profoundly in the coming years," says Maguire. "Our conventions bring those new realities to the forefront."

West Didsbury 4-H news

By Lita McDonald

The 4-H season has begun for yet another year. On Oct. 6 the West Didsbury 4-H Club held their organizational meeting and the group was able to decide on the executives. This year they have Chris Isrealson as president, Nolan Fisher as vice president, Jolin Fisher as secretary, Karen Roberts as treasurer and Lita McDonald as the photographer and reporter for the club.

Last year Wayne Hrabok stepped down as general leader and the group was left with the task of finding someone who would replace him, the 4-H Club decided on Bobbi-Gale Hosegood as the new leader and Darrel Sheidt is going to act as assistant leader. This year, in a repeat from last year, Leroy Franz is heading the steer project and Ric Arthurs is at the helm of the heifer project. Unfortunately this year the 4-H Club will not be having a vet science project because Gordon Krebs, the leader for this project for the last two years, is too busy this year.

On Nov. 1 the 4-Hers were able to have the Steer a year project at the Olds College explained by Sandy Jones, who runs it. They were grouped as senior-junior pairs and each of the groups was asked to judge two pens, judging in how many days on feed, yield percentage, and rate of gain. The 4-Hers will be following up on the project with monthly reports.

One of the new things this year is the buddy system. Each senior will be paired with one or more juniors, the senior will be expected to make sure that the junior has everything taken care of.

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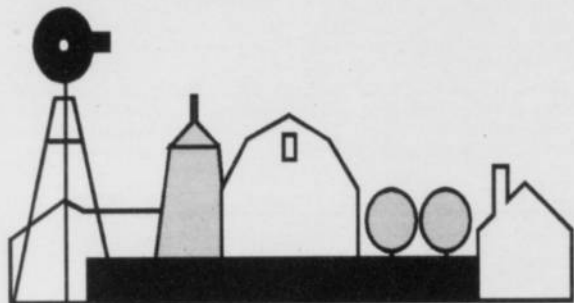
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Hog heaven: A safe pig farm



By Mountain View Partners for Farm Health and Safety

It looks like hog heaven is what Alberta is about to become with all the interest around increased production lately. If they are not building a new dairy barn around our place, it is a hog barn. Hogs are great money makers over time, but they pose some serious health risks for farm families as well. We know by now, however, that the smart thing to do is know the risks and then work to minimize them for yourself and your family.

Spending a lot of time in confinement buildings exposes the operator to airborne contaminants such as dust, gases, fungi, bacteria and swine dander. The more time you spend in a hog confinement building, the more likely you will experience symptoms such as eye, nose and throat irritation and coughing. Diseases such as bronchitis, occupational asthma, organic toxic dust syndrome and allergies can result.

The main sources of dust are feed and dried manure. Dried manure can contain up to 50% bacteria. While large dust particles that get trapped in nose hair or the throat get sneezed out or swallowed, it is the fine particles that are inhaled deep into the lungs that are high risk for health problems.

Gas like ammonia, produced by the bacteria in manure pits, is irritating and will drive a person from the building before a health threat occurs. Long term exposure to high levels of this gas can damage the upper respiratory tract however. Hydrogen sulphide is also produced by the bacteria in manure pits, has rotten egg smell and can paralyse the nervous system, causing a person to stop breathing. If you have heaters in your farrowing barn they need to be properly vented as a collection of carbon monoxide is also extremely dangerous. A special note here. If the hog producer is pregnant, carbon monoxide is a particular threat to the developing fetus.

Control and limit your exposure (reduce risk) to dust and poison gas by controlling the source, eliminating the contaminant or wearing a dark mask or respirator.

Control dust sources through regular cleaning. Power washing of contaminated rooms can be as effective with cold water as with hot.

Washing and vacuuming is more effective than sweeping. Farrowing rooms need to be washed before each new group of sows, nurseries and grower units need washing every one or two months, and finishing buildings done at least every two months. Dirty livestock contribute more to total dust levels than clean ones. Use of an oil spray will help to control swine dander. Feed additives such as canola oil, fat and lecithin have been shown to reduce airborne dust, while addition of sarsaponin can reduce the amount of ammonia released from manure.

Waste handling methods to reduce ammonia include adding a thin layer of water to manure pits after draining or scraping to reduce the amount of ammonia released into the air. Low residue flooring such as wire mesh or narrow slats will reduce the accumulation of manure and the evaporation of ammonia. Manure should not sit in a pit for longer than three weeks, and under no circumstances should anyone enter a building during manure pit agitation. Never enter a manure pit without a safety harness and lifeline and remember that the only respirator which can protect against hydrogen sulphide is one with its own air/oxygen supply.

Eliminate pollutants by increasing ventilation to improve air quality, and maintain your furnaces to reduce the production of carbon monoxide. Consider wearing a respirator for any job that has caused respiratory symptoms in the past, even if the task only takes a short time.

Hungry hogs at feeding time make enough noise to damage your hearing. Measurements show a noise level of 121 to 133 dB in swine confinement barns, well above the safe level of 85 dB. Pigs can make you money. Pigs can also make you deaf and short of breath. Why let pigs make your life miserable? It would make more sense to enjoy the money.

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Tracking the markets made easier for anyone

Some farmers only watch the markets when they have product to sell or need money to pay bills. Often, the implication of this approach to marketing is missing good prices.

In a normal market, prices move up and down as continues news affecting supply and demand for a product become known. During the Northern hemisphere growing season, crop prices are particularly volatile as news af-

fecting the supply or production side of the price equation dominates. This time of year is also the busiest for farmers as they hustle to seed, spray, hay and harvest. It becomes a real challenge for most to stay in touch with markets.

Many farmers try to catch radio reports, use a satellite system or Internet to gather market information at their convenience. Others use the services of a marketing firm or just phone various buyers

regularly to collect information and plan marketing strategy.

Much of the information on the internet and satellite services is futures and options prices and charts. Cash prices are hard to find. One new company, AgraLink Exchange Ltd., which provides an internet based trading system for feed grain merchants and users posts the cash prices of daily feed grain trades on their website. Try www.agralink.ca to see the cur-

rent spot, forward or basis bids for feed grains in Alberta.

There are several phone lines that provide daily market information. One 24-hour toll-free source is the Alberta Grain Commission line. It can be accessed by calling the Alberta government Rite line 310-0000 and touch-tone entering 422-3591. This line provides opening and closing grain futures and options prices, average country buying and feedmill

prices and a weekly market commentary. The Alberta Cattle Commission operates price information lines for both feeder (403) 274-4345 and slaughter, (403) 274-4340 cattle.

The Western Hog Exchange toll-free price line number is 1-800-222-6509. Use of these readily available market information sources can help track prices in the major markets to catch some of the opportunities that arise.

Barley markets

By Peter Watts, Market Analyst

Over the summer, we saw aggressive export sales of feed barley which captured big chunks of Saudi Arabian business (Saudi Arabia is the world's single largest feed barley importer, buying between 5 to 5.5 million tonnes per year). As well, over the past few months we have seen a significant amount of feed barley exported out of Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union -- the Ukraine and Russia in particular. These countries have captured a lot of business by selling at low FOB values. Low freight costs to the Mediterranean and the Middle East have also provided a boost to their sales. More recently, Turkey has entered the export market, selling 200,000 tonnes of feed barley at its latest tender. Finally, with the recovery of the Australian crops, our southern hemisphere friends will soon be selling feed barley on the international market.

Meanwhile the EU, the world's largest exporter of feed barley, has only sold one million tonnes so far this marketing year (July/June), less than a fifth of its projected exports. With plenty of barley left to sell, it stands to reason that the EU will soon become a more aggressive exporter of feed barley by applying increased export subsidies and thereby pressuring world prices further.

The above factors all point to lower feed barley prices in the near term, although it is more difficult to project the medium term four to six months out. For example, as we approach the seeding of next year's corn and soybean crops in the U.S., there will likely be somewhat of a rally in prices as the two crops vie for acres. If at this time, or at any point over the winter, China, which has been a major exporter of corn this year, begins to import corn, we could have a significant turn around in world feed grain prices. Add to this continued strong feed barley demand in countries like Iran, Jordan, Cyprus, and the North African countries, as well as in Saudi Arabia, and feed barley prices could strengthen considerably.

While the general outlook is presently bearish, we should keep in mind that current world feed barley prices are in line with historical values, with 1995-96 having been a major anomaly.

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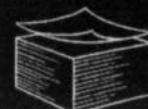
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Sports and entertainment

Wado Kai Club successful at karate tournament



A TEST OF SKILLS

(Above) Jeff Anderson of Bowden defends himself against a competitor from Edmonton at the Millwoods Karate Club Tournament in Edmonton. Jim Freeman, a judge looks on to mark their skill. (Right) Paul Seewalt of Didsbury gets in a high kick against his competitor from Edmonton at the same tournament.

The Olds Wado Kai Karate Club participated with others from across the province in the Millwoods Karate Club tournament in Edmonton the last weekend in November. There were approximately 150 people participating in total, split evenly between junior and adult divisions. Events included kata (formal exercises), kumite (free sparring) and multiple opponent sparring.

From Olds, Joanne Johnson achieved second place for kata in the adult mixed green belts division, and Vern Peterson received third place in the white belts

mixed sparring division. Also participating from Olds was David Johnson in the mixed first degree black belts division.

From Didsbury, Paul Seewalt participated in the mixed orange belt division.

From Bowden, Ryan Anderson, 12, achieved first place in both the Junior Orange belts kata and the Junior Orange and Green belts kumite divisions, and third place in the Orange and Green belts multiple opponent. His brother Jeff achieved second place in all three events - Junior Orange belts kata, kumite and multiple opponent.

Colts teach Banff Academy lesson

By Brian Longeway

Colts 8 Banff 5, Friday, Dec. 5 at Banff.

The Colts played the game playing heads-up hockey, directing many shots at a very active Banff goalie. Finally at 5:37 Steve Lyle scored assisted by Richard Westlund and Mike Seens. However, not to be out done, Cavanagh of the Flying Icemen tied the score with a power-play goal at 9:48 assisted by Bikri and Hirata. Exactly one minute later, Mike Brander from Lyle and Seens gave the Colts the lead again. At 14:39 Fossheim assisted by Buckingham tied the score. The Colts out shot Banff but were only able to dent the twine twice in the first period. The Colts had six more minutes in penalties than the Flying Icemen.

The second period scoring was all in favor of the Colts who again out played the opposition but not by as much of an advantage as in the first period. At 15:37 veteran Brander with a break away pass from Chris Seib and Brad Longeway practically undressed the Banff defenseman with his deeks scored one of the most deserved goals of the evening. With just 53 seconds left in the period with a man advantage Trent "without the Touque" vanDam assisted by Brander and Brett Kidd gave the Colts a two goal lead going into the third period. The Colts had 11 more minutes in penalties in the

second than Banff.

The Flying Icemen lived up to their name in the first part of the third period, scoring two quick goals to tie the game. Thithorpe scored an unassisted goal at the one minute mark. Then Baliazs assisted by Buckingham scored at 2:08. Banff scored a power play goal at 11:18 to take the lead for the first time in the game. Ken Terpstra assisted by Richard Westlund and Lyle scored a short handed goal at 12:27 to tie the score. For the next few minutes the teams traded shots and it looked like the game might go into overtime but at 15:11 Seib assisted by Jason Haffner and vanDam scored the game winning goal. vanDam assisted by Dave Waitings scored the insurance goal at 17:55. With just over one minute left Lyle assisted by vanDam gave the Colts another insurance goal. vanDam must take after his father in the insurance business. There were only two penalties were called. According to the game sheet, the Colts received 58 minutes in penalties (four misconducts) to 21 minutes for Banff.

The Colts last home game before the Christmas break is against West Country at 8 p.m. on Dec. 13 when they plan to avenge a six to four loss. They play in Cochrane Sunday, Dec. 14. The Colt's record is eight wins, eight losses and one tie.



Grizzly racking up the points

Three players have repeated as team leaders in the second segment of the Alberta Junior Hockey League's first Source for Sports Cup standings.

League scoring leader Mike Comrie of the St. Albert Saints, league-leading goal scorer Paul Cabana of the Fort McMurray Oil Barons and Olds Grizzlys' goalie Matthew Yeats led their respective teams in the November standings as they had through the end of October.

Brad Olsen shared the November lead with the Calgary Royals after finishing first alone through Oct. 31.

Comrie had 60 points in the three-star award voting in November, based on 15 points for a first-star selection, ten points for a second-star selection and five points for a third-star vote. He is the overall leader with 170 points.

Comrie had 50 points in November and is third overall with 115. Yeats had 55 points in November and is fourth overall with 105. Olsen tied Kevin Olson for the Royal's lead in November, with 30 points, and is second overall

with 120.

Below are the overall leaders, by team:

Bonneyville: Doktorchik 65; Sylvestre, 60; Jeff Yopyk, 50. Bow Valley: Moskal, 90; Segstro and Rycroft, 60 each. Canucks: Moe Halat, 80; Wright, 65; Jeremy Stagman, 50. Royals: Olsen, 120; Tetley, 60; Olson and Tom Malin, 40 each. Camrose: Fraser, 70; Riddell, 50; Curtis Ferguson, 35. Fort McMurray: Cabana, 115; Gladue, 70; Redmond, 50. Fort Saskatchewan: Gorman, Mercer and Lorne Koscielnuk, 60 each. Grande Prairie: Ryan Carter, 100; Cory Pecush, 80; Bablitz and Embley 60 each. Lloydminster: Myson, 50; Gordon Bell, 40; Mark Hallam, 30. Olds: Yeats, 105; Morgan, 65; David Wiens, 60. St. Albert: Comrie, 170; Hukao, 100; Lundmark, 60. Sherwood Park: Trotter, 45; Jas and Jeff Orkus, 40 each.

Following were the Source for Sport Cup leaders in November by team:

Bonneyville Pontiacs: Jared Sylvestre and Andy Doktorchik, 40 points each; Marcel Landry,

Tyson LaFrance and Daymen Bencharski, 15 each. Bow Valley Eagles: Trevor Segstro, 40; Chad Rycroft and Chad Moskal, 20 each. Calgary Canucks: Jesse Wright, 30; Scott McClure, Ryan Manitowich and Kevin Holem, 20 each. Calgary Royals: Kevin Olson and Brad Olsen, 30 each; Lonny Tetley and Shane Yellowhorn, 20 each. Camrose Kodiaks: Riley Riddell, 30; Wyatt Dennis and Ray Fraser, 20 each. Fort McMurray Oil Barons: Paul Cabana, 50; Adam Redmond and Travis Gladue, 40 each. Fort Saskatchewan Traders: Matt Gorman, 45; Ryan Campbell and Jared Mercer, 35 each. Grande Prairie Storm: Colin Embley, 50; Blaine Bablitz, 45; Jason Abel, 35. Lloydminster Blazers: Ryan Faulkner, 25; Robert Stock, 20; David Myson and Mike Siklenka, 10 each. Olds Grizzlys: Matthew Yeats, 55; Dana Lattery, 40; Dannie Morgan, 35. St. Albert Saints: Mike Comrie, 60; David Hukalo, 50; Jamie Lundmark, 40.

Sherwood Park Crusaders: Brad Krawchuk, 30; Jan Jas, 20; Allan O'Toole and Ryan Trotter, 15 each.

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Southern Alberta junior men's and ladies' curling

The curling season is in high swing, with many people getting set to throw a few stones down the ice in many tournaments.

Many tournaments will be coming around in the upcoming months and one of them hit town the last weekend in November.

Six junior men's teams and three junior ladies' teams met at the Dids-

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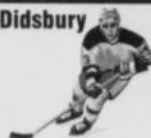


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OVERTIME

By Robert Magee

Well the Calgary Flames' modest four game unbeaten streak has not only come to a sudden halt, it has completely shifted around. After tying the Carolina Hurricanes three all in a game which saw Jamie Allison record his first two NHL career points, the Flames went on to play the Chicago Blackhawks to a two all draw five nights later. Closing out the dreadful month of November (1-7-5) the Flames played host to the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. Sandy McCarthy scored the winner at 1:36 of overtime with a near impossible angle shot that somehow eluded netminder Mikail Shtalenkov. Theoren Fleury scored his 315th goal as a Calgary Flame moving him past Joe Nieuwendyk to become the Flames all-time leading goal scorer. Michael Nylander had the other Flame goal.

Two nights later Calgary once again went to OT and once again won three to two, this time against the San Jose Sharks. Allison, Jarome Iginla and Germond Titov did the scoring. Titov's was the game-winner.

On Wednesday, Dec. 3 the Detroit Red Wings paid a visit to the Canadian Airlines Saddledome in a game in which I obtained a media pass for and covered from the press box.

After arriving at about 6:15 p.m., I picked up my pass and headed towards the Red Wings dressing room to watch the play-

ers file on the ice for the pre-game skate. I then headed to some empty seats to snap a few pictures of both team's pre-game warm ups.

My seat in the east press box provided me with every thing I could want during the game. There was free popcorn and free pop available and statistics for all games printed that were always just five minutes old. There was of course a media guide focusing the on the evening's match-up that was 26 pages long. The guide probably included every stat you could think of. Now on to the game. Healthy scratches for Calgary were Joel Bouchard and James Patrick and for Detroit were veteran defenceman Slava Fetisov.

After Tony Rino sang both anthems referee Paul Devorki dropped the puck for Jarome Iginla and Kris Draper to battle for. It was 9:34 into the first before a goal came. It was Slava Kozlov passing across the blue line to Larry Murphy who one timed a shot on net where Nicklas Lidstrom shoved the rebound past a sprawling Rick Tabaracci. Not six minutes later Brent Gilchrist scored his sixth of the season on a power play from Darren McCarty and Kozlov.

Gilchrist was actually on his knees when he redirected McCarty's pass into the open net. Makes you wonder how good these Red Wings really are when they send those guys out on a



Captain Steve Yzerman and utility forward Tomas Holmstrom warm up starting goal tender Chris Osgood during the pre-game skate. The Wings went on to down the Flames 4-3. Photo By Robert Magee

power play. But only 80 seconds later the Flames finally got themselves on the score board.

Iginla scored his eighth from Andrew Cassels and Jonas Hoglund. One minute into the second frame German Titov scored from Derek Morris. It was only Titov's fifth on the season. But it was Detroit who scored next with just over seven minutes left as Brendan Shanahan pocketed his 14th on the year on a pretty play from Steve Yzerman and Anders Eriksson. And again with only 20 seconds left in the second Fleury scored short-handed as he blew a slapshot past Chris Osgood on the stickside.

It was still tied three all half-way through the game when tough guy Joe Kocur of all people scored after several whacks at it in front of the net. Kirk Maltby

and Murphy picked up the assists. That one definitely had to hurt as it was the eventual game winner.

Miscellaneous notes on the game:

- Cassels was not on the power play, but McCarthy was.

- The average age on defence for Calgary that night was 23.3 years.

- Zarley Zalapski was hackled and booed several times for carrying the puck too long. That shows how blind some fans are; he's the best they got right now.

Calgary's line-up for the game was: Titov, Nylander, Fleury, McInnis, Stillman, McCarthy, Morris, O'Sullivan, Iginla, Cassels, Hoglund, Allison, Simpson, Ward, Dawd, Dingman, Hulse and Zalapski.

Detroit's line-up for the game

was: Kozlov, Larionov, Lapointe, Shanahan, Yzerman, McCarty, Gilchrist, Holmstrom, Oandault, Kocur, Draper, Maltby, Murphy, Lidstrom, Ward, Rouse, Eriksson, Pusher.

Quotes of the night:

"Nine times out of ten other teams will say work ethic is what they have to match in order to beat the Calgary Flames," said Theoren Fleury.

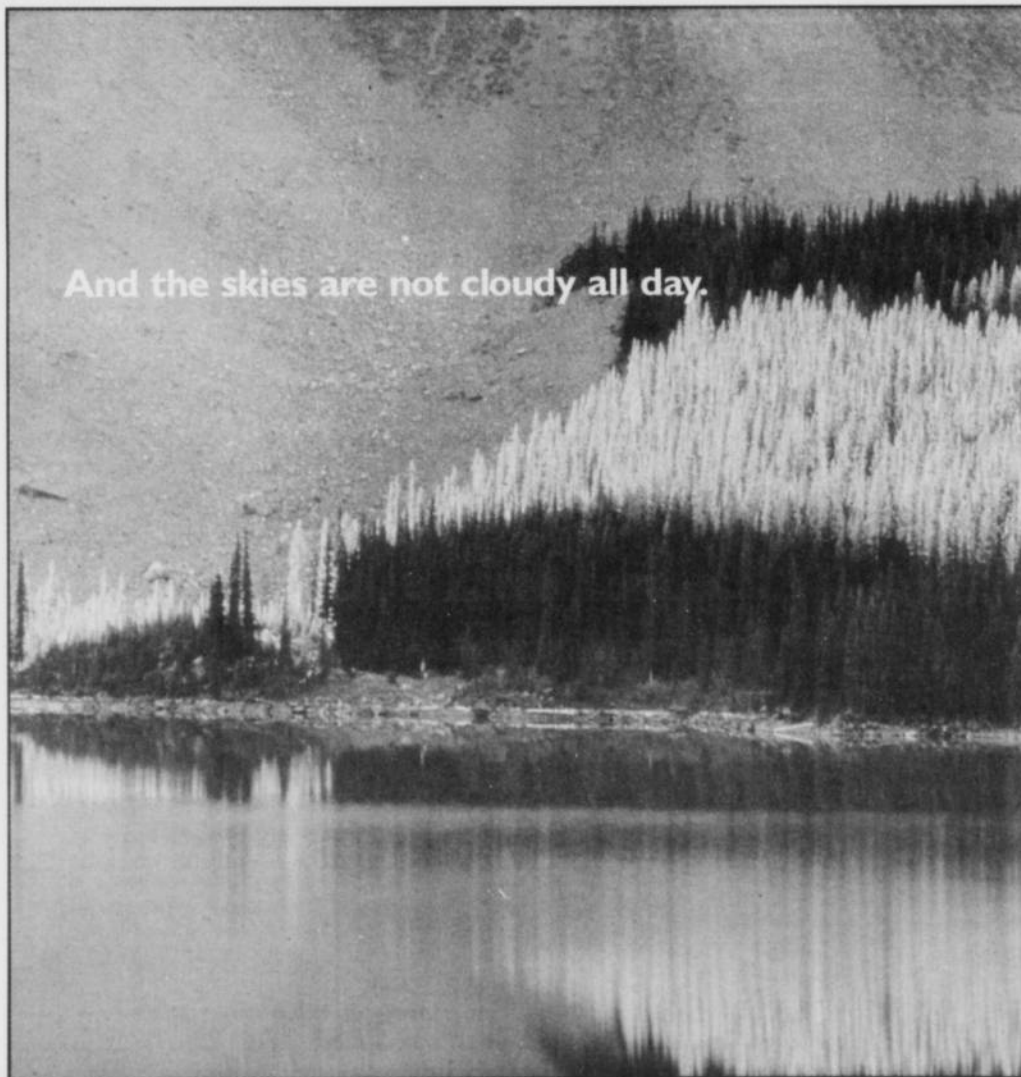
"Yeah, I was glad it happened. It worked out great in the end for me," said Larry Murphy on being traded from Toronto to Detroit.

Trivia Question:

On Feb. 26, 1996 Calgary sent Phil Housley and Dan Kezmer to New Jersey in exchange for Jocelyn Lemieux and these two current Flames...

Last week's answer: Chris McAllister (6' 7").

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And it's no wonder. Since its opening on Nov. 7, *Christmas with the RRVB* has been playing to capacity crowds and standing ovations and with last minute casting changes and on-stage marriage proposals, this show is always brimming with energy and excitement, you just don't know what is around the corner.

The River Valley Boys put on an "electrifying show" as audience member Alana Bowker commented. They play their own brand of Christmas music (new and traditional) in a variety of ways, Celtic, spiritual, bluegrass and folk.

The show is also peppered with comedy sketches, visits from Jean Cretien and Preston Manning and a surprise appearance by the Grimshaw Ballet Dancers.

It also has very touching and intimate moments that leaves audiences in tears as it warms their hearts with the Christmas spirit.

But that's not the only reason the River Valley Boys are

smiling, they recently released their Christmas album and sold out their first order within five days. When asked about the amazing ticket and tape sales, band member Lewis Frere replied, "It wasn't a surprise at all, we have had such amazing feedback since the day we opened that this was expected."

Christmas with the RRVB runs until Dec. 20 and tickets are only available for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday matinees. Don't worry though, if you can't get in to see this show the reservationsists are taking bookings for their up coming season which kicks-off with *Steel Magnolias* beginning March 6 and running through

until June 13. And with the amazing response to this show and advance tickets sales rising, it is sure to be sold out. Season's Tickets are also available for the 1998 season and if you buy before Dec. 31 your

name will be entered in a draw for a night for two at the Lamsdowne Bed and Breakfast. Tickets are by reservation only and can be obtained by calling 677-2001 or 1-800-267-7553.

Bantam win C-div in tourney

The Bantam boys took to the ice in a very exciting weekend of hockey.

On Nov. 28 the Bantams went to Sundre for their first tournament of the season.

Their first game was played against a Calgary team who came on the ice in full determination and won with heart-breaking ten nil.

This loss didn't deter the Bantam's spirit as they came out shooting in the second game against Sylvan Lake, on Saturday, Nov. 29 with Wayne Wise scoring our first goal, assist went to C. Weber.

The second goal scored by M. Hnatiuk, assisted by Wise. Other goals were made by C. Anderson, J. McRae and another for Wise. Assists going to C. Weber B. Hughes, J. Gendall and C. Anderson.

The final score being seven to five for Sylvan Lake. They worked hard in this game and it showed.

The Bantam's goalie, C. Steadman, played a great game making some nice saves.

As they lost the first two games, this meant an early game Sunday, Nov. 30 at 8:30 a.m.

This proves to be the time of day the Bantam's like to play. They played Edmonton and came home with a big win of seven nil, making this a shut-out for our goalie Jason Davis.

C. Christensen, scored a hat trick in this game.

Other goals were made by Wise, C. Weber, R. Christensen and D. Ward. With assists going to C. Anderson, C. Clazie, R. Christensen and J. McRae.

The Bantams showed great team work and some great plays in this game. They came home with the win in the C-division of the tournament.

Wildcats

The tykes Wildcats travelled to the Igloo arena in Bowden which by the way is appropriately named. Josh Campbell had the game opener assisted by Eric Timmons. Randy Hunter had the next two with assists from Dustin Moreau and Cole Sundberg. Johnathan Johnston had the next one assisted by Pete Gwordeci. Hunter had the last one of the game assisted by Dallas Davies. Chelsea and Brayden Overwater also played very hard. Brayden Hopfe and Andrew Peterson were busy in net as Bowden won seven to five. The Wildcats played hard and had fun. Our next game is Saturday in Carstairs at 8:45.

Rustlers

Didsbury Rustler's Novice #2 faced off on Nov. 29 against the Olds Crushers #2.

Didsbury was victorious nine to six with Luke Sundberg started the scoring with four goals. Matt Collinge also had four goals and Jesse Wygiera had one goal. The action was end to end for both teams with both goalies begin outstanding.

Didsbury #2 also played Didsbury #3 on Dec. 6. Didsbury Rustler's #2 played an outstanding action packed game ending the scoring with a six to four win. Collinge scored four goals. Danny Miller had one goal and Travis Dietrich had one as well.

The Didsbury Rustlers owe a great deal of their success to their goalie Kristopher Jackson who contributed a great amount to these wins.

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CAROL'S BIRTHDAY

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07 CARD OF THANKS

NO WORDS can express our thanks for the tremendous support we've received after the bombing of our equipment. Thankfully, there were no personal injuries. We sincerely appreciate the calls, Sunde and Didsbury Search and Rescue, and the RCMP for their ongoing investigation. Again we're overwhelmed with the concern that has been shown. Henry and Judy Schuurman, Schuurman Ent. Ltd.

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09 MEMORIAM

CHRISTENSEN - In loving memory of a dear Grandson, Kelly who passed away December 15, 1991. A bouquet of roses just for you. Sprinkled with tear drops instead of dew. And in the centre, a "forget-me-knot". Sadly missed and will always love you. Grandma Milne. 35-11

CHRISTENSEN - In loving memory of dear cousin Kelly who passed away December 15, 1991. My heart is filled with sadness, as the stairs to heaven came for you. I did not want to let you go. As you go, I will always remember you as a good cousin. Will always love you Kelly, cousin Tara. 35-11

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LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Viking Cup to feature future stars

Petr Svoboda will be among the players to watch when the Czech under-18 selects begin a series of exhibition games in Alberta and B.C. as they continue preparations for the Viking Cup hockey tournament Dec. 27 to Jan. 4 in Camrose.

Philadelphia Flyers' defenseman Svoboda isn't on the roster of the team that arrives Dec. 11. But his namesake is a defenseman on the team that will play ten exhibition games before its Viking Cup debut Dec. 27 against the U.S. under-18 selects.

Svoboda, a right handed shot from Jihlava, is rated as a good NHL prospect by one of the league's scouts who has seen him play in Europe. He's among three players on the Czech side that scouts mention as players to watch.

Michal Travnicek and Milan Kraft are others who will impress fans during the exhibition games and the eight-team tournament.

Travnicek is a right winger from Litvinov described by some NHL scouts as "a big hitter." Kraft is a centre from Pilsen.

Svoboda, Travnicek and Kraft hope to follow such players as Dominik Hasek, Bobby Holik, Ziggy Palffy, Jozef Stuppl, Martin Straka, Pavol Demitra and Patrick Elias from Viking Cup

appearances to the NHL.

Buffalo Sabres' goalie Hasek and former NHL star Petr Klima helped the Czechoslovakia under-18 selects win the 1982 Viking Cup. New Jersey Devils' centre Holik played in the 1988 Viking Cup.

New York Islanders' right winger Palffy, Los Angeles Kings' centre Stuppl and Pittsburgh Penguins' left winger Straka were team-mates at the 1990 Viking Cup. St. Louis Blues' centre Demitra played in the 1992 tournament in Camrose and Devils' rookie left winger Elias played in the 1994 Viking Cup.

"We hope we will have good results," said Jindrich Micka, the international secretary of the Czech Ice Hockey Association.

"It is a very important tournament for our team to prepare for the European championship in the second week of April."

The Czech under-18 selects will play the Medicine Hat Cubs junior B team Dec. 12 in Medicine Hat. The Czechs will then

travel to B.C. to play the Rocky Mountain Junior Hockey League all-stars Dec. 13 to 14 in Kimberley and Nelson.

The Czechs will play exhibition games Dec. 16 to 17 against the High Prairie Regals senior team and the Slave Lake Winterhawks. The Czechs will then return to B.C. to play the Fort St. John Huskies junior B team and the Prince George Spruce Kings of the British Columbia Hockey League.

Exhibition games Dec. 21 in Two Hills against the Fort Saskatchewan Traders of the Alberta Junior Hockey League, Dec. 22 in Vermilion against the Tigers junior B team and Dec. 26 in Rocky Mountain House against the Rams senior team will complete the Czechs' Viking Cup preparations.

The Czechs are in a pool with the defending champion Finnish under-18 selects, the U.S. under-18 selects and the AJHL Selects.

The Czechs will also play Dec. 29 against the Finns and Dec. 30 against the AJHL Selects.

AJHL crowds

AJHL attendance reached 101,393 in 174 regular-season games through Nov. 30.

The Grande Prairie Storm is first with an average of 1,439 fans per game after 15 home games. The Fort McMurray Oil Barons are second with an average of 898 after 14 home games. The Fort Saskatchewan Traders are third with an average of 690 after ten home games and the Camrose Kodiaks are fourth with an average of 670 after 15 home games.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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PERFORMING ARTS

Theatre Two Thousand presents *Murder at Melvin Hall, I saw Mommy killing Santa Claus*. Sat. Dec. 13 doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. \$20 by reservation only. Ph. 335-8689 or 337-3954.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Curling rink. \$10 per person. Call Linda Lunt for tickets 335-3806 or Grant Hemming 335-2390. Proceeds go to Millennium celebrations.

MIDWAY

CONCERT

You are invited to join us for the Midway Community School Christmas Concert. Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. Admission: Food Bank, pennies for Medicine River Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.

WESTCOTT

CHRISTMAS SUPPER

Westcott Community Christmas Supper and Concert. Potluck Salad and Dessert. Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

WESTERDALE

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Join us for a Christmas celebration at Westerdale Hall, Dec. 14 at 12:30 p.m. Potluck dinner followed by Christmas performances and Santa. Call Karen at 335-4568.

RED DEER

METIS CULTURAL

Metis LINKS presents A Metis Cultural Christmas, Friday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. in the International Hall at Lindsay Thurber High School. A family event. No fee required. Hosted by Metis LINKS offices of Red Deer, Rocky Mountain House, Olds and Stettler. RSVP to Tammy at 340-0484 by Dec. 12.

ROSEBUD

CORRECT DATE

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(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings. For info call Jean 637-3753 or Laurie 337-3456.

DIDSBURY

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous, Carstairs Catholic Parish, 302 - 11 Ave., Carstairs, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Further info. 337-3619 (Teri).

BADMINTON

Drop in Badminton will be held Tuesdays at the Ross Ford Elementary Gym starting Nov. 18 from 7-9. There will be a \$3 drop-in fee to cover the cost of the gym rental.

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Bev at 335-9803 or Vivian at 335-3730.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets every third Thursday of every month at the Town Office at 7 p.m. For info. call Terrina Perley at 335-4552.

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: Tuesdays and Saturdays 10 - 11:30 a.m. and Thurs. evenings too, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. More info call Pearl at 335-4787.

CANSURMOUNT

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AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Kim at 335-9645 or Rick at 335-9525.

DIDSBURY

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. Every Monday (except holidays) 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-4123.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Marge Steckler at 335-4281.

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Won't you join us at the Museum on the 1st Thursday of every month from 2 - 4 p.m. for coffee. Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. There is no charge but of course donations are always welcome. The museum is also open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. weekly. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info. call 335-9295.

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Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

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BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8846 or 335-4736.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday at 8:30 p.m. in EV Church, next to Post Office, Didsbury. More info. 337-2622

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Deer Meadows School, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Sandy Wilson at 556-7501.

OVEREATERS

ANONYMOUS (OA)

Meet every Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m. Olds Hospital Welcome to (OA), Welcome Home! For further information contact: 556-7161 or 556-7119 evenings.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. Contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

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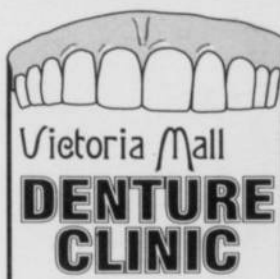
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